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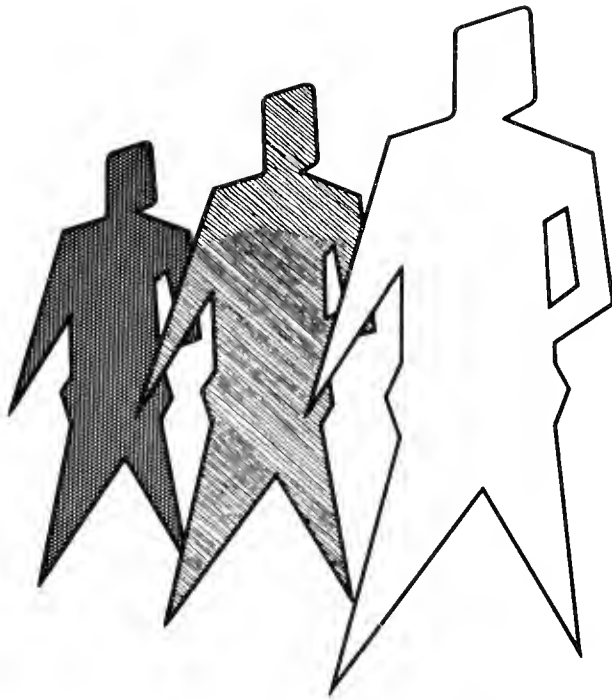


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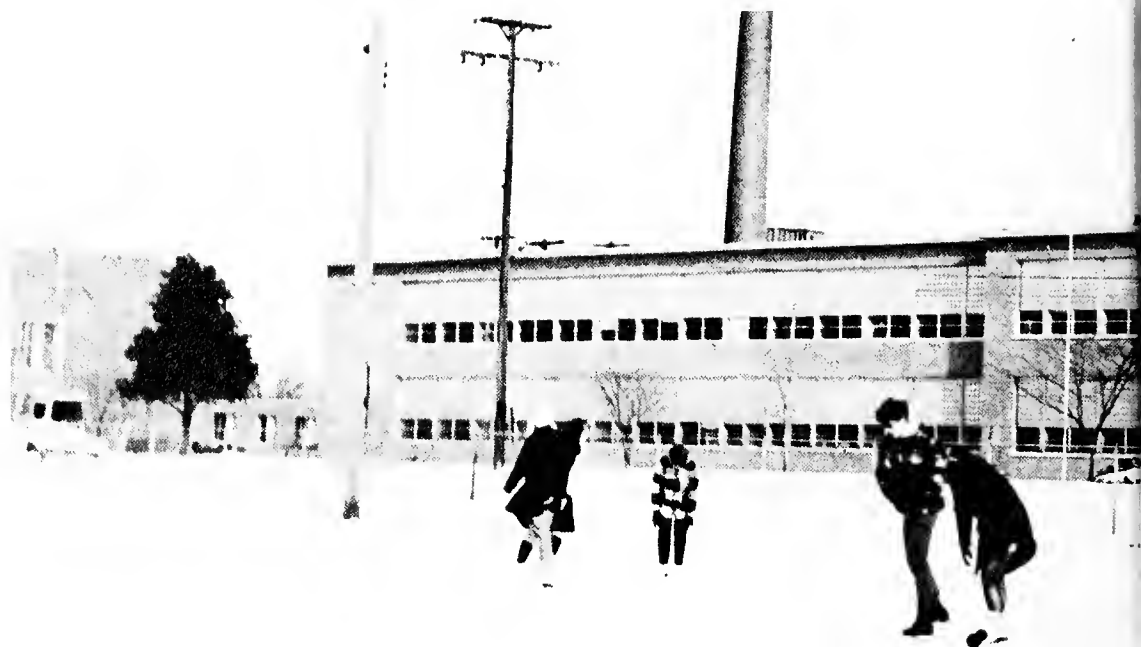
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PCHS grows with its growth...



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Academic facilities and program were expanded

In this year of change for PCHS, academics experienced more modification than any other area of school life. Our school had been re-evaluated during the 1966-67 school year by the North Central Association, and the first thing learned as school began again in the fall of 1967 was that Portage Central had passed with flying colors. So, it was with an air of confidence that students faced the new additions to the school building. The library was enlarged, a new science wing was added, and the much-used guidance department was moved to a new area. There was also a major expansion in the academic class choices available to students. Possibly as a result of this, there was a definite increase in the length of the honor roll, with more students than ever gaining a position on it.





A variety of activities allowed each student to pursue his own likes

PCHS was the scene of a diversified activities program during the '67-'68 school year. Student life revolved around the school as the size of our program illustrates. The controversy between the band and the varsity club lent a touch of drama to the scene, as the band demanded the right to wear letter sweaters while the varsity club argued that the sweaters were athletic awards. Another conflict arose when students and cheerleaders felt there were not enough pep assemblies. However, the bright spots in activities far outweighed the bad ones. Possibly the funniest aspect of the program occurred when our dignified faculty members put on an exciting pep assembly. Throughout the year anyone with time on his hands could make the most of it by participating in one or many of our activities.



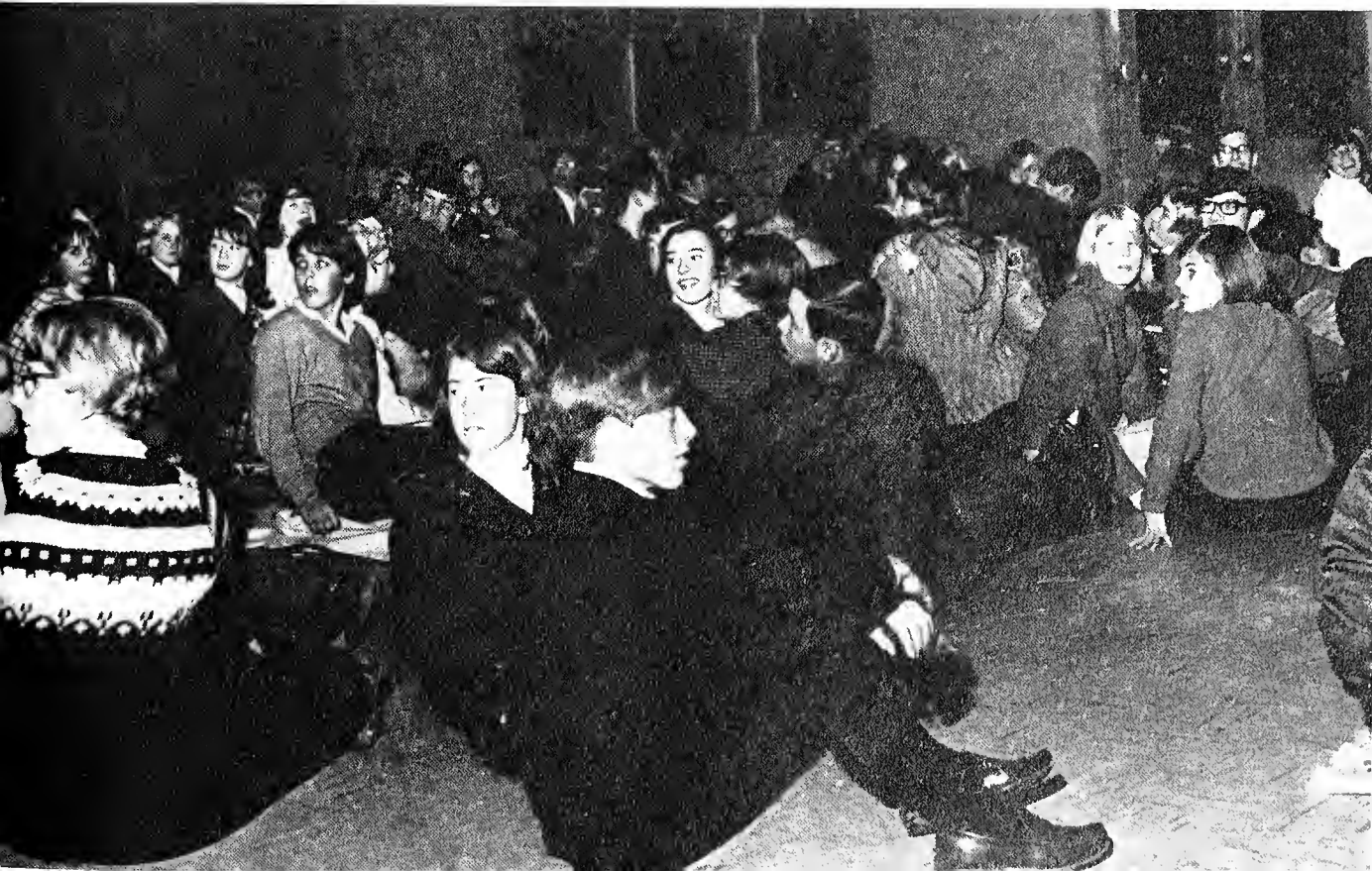




Underclassmen found a new environment

As sophomores entered the doors of Portage Central High for the first time in the fall of 1967, they were entering a mysterious new environment. Their secret anxieties and ambitions became evident as the school year progressed. After a full year of attending pep assemblies, coping with teachers and fire doors, making the honor roll for the first time, and trying to decide whether to believe the clocks or the bells, they became accustomed to the hectic pace of high school life.

Returning juniors found many changes in their school. The halls were hardly recognizable with their clutter of paint cans, drop cloths, and ladders. They received a further shock when report cards came out at the end of the first six weeks, for new IBM cards made changing grades impossible for more ambitious students. In the spring juniors devoted their efforts to making "From Lollipops to Roses," the junior-senior prom, a success. As a result, they faced their senior year in a state of near bankruptcy.







Our athletic department underwent changes

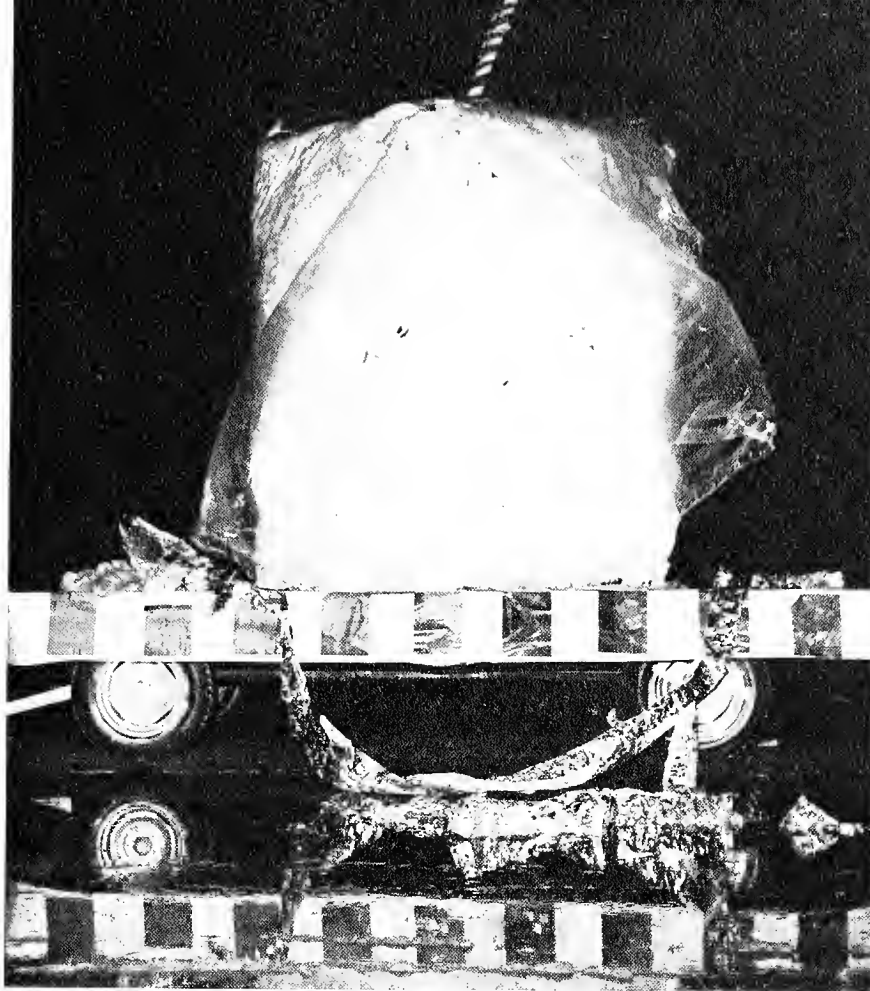
The wave of change sweeping through our school also had its effect on the sports department, as it experienced one of its most successful years under the guidance of our new athletic director, Mr. Bill Rajkovich. Half of our sports underwent coaching changes, and the teams involved prospered as a result of the new leadership. As always, spirit ran high at PCHS since all teams were backed by leather-lunged supporters and cheerleaders. Besides games, the athletes participated in "Meet Your Teams Nights" when they were introduced before the season began. At the season's end they were honored at the traditional sports banquets.

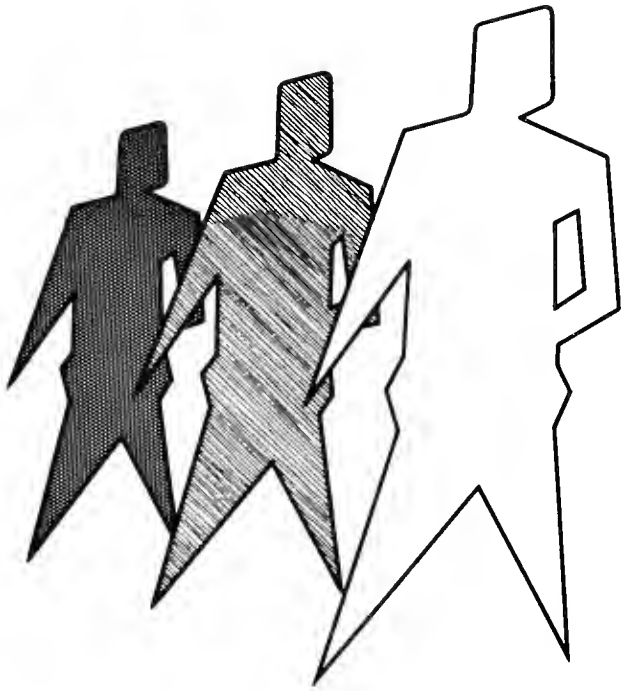




Seniors set example for the underclassmen

The 1967-68 school year was the biggest and most important one for the seniors. While serving as leaders and examples to the rest of the student body they encountered many changes in the school they had grown to know so well. At the end of the first semester, seniors took exams on a schedule completely different from any previous one. And then, at the end of the year, a high school student's dream came true for many seniors as about eighty per cent of them were excused from taking exams by a new faculty ruling. But all was not changed, for senior traditions such as college night, the senior tea, and the inspiring graduation ceremony were held just as they have been in past years.





*Added facilities
widened the
academic
boundaries of PCHS*

Academics are the backbone of a school. And, when the school is a growing, expanding one such as PCHS, the academic department must also grow and expand. From the first day of school, it became apparent to everyone, students and faculty alike, that this would be a different kind of year for our school. There were many new facilities available; the science wing, library addition, and vocational arts building were only a few of them. Besides these structural advances, there were also many new classes from which students could choose. The purpose of building new facilities and adding classes was to increase the possibilities for us to gain knowledge in many different ways.



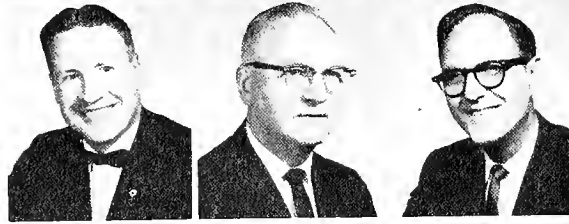


Administration

Mr. James Pellowe
Principal
Mr. Richard Tyler
Assistant Principal
Mrs. Irene Miles
Dean of Students



Mr. Varl Wilkinson
Superintendent
Mr. Leonard Mills
Assistant
Superintendent
of Business
Mr. Robert Vermeulen
Assistant Super-
intendent of Person-
nel and Instruction



Above: school board members Mrs. Donald Werme, Dr. Louis W. Boyer, Lewis Campbell, Dr. Robert Smith, Dr. Vander Roest, Dr. Robert Grekin, James Beardsley. Left: Principal, Mr. James Pellowe and assistant principal Mr. Richard Tyler show their school spirit at one of PCHS's exciting basketball games.



kept pace with the student body

Our administration at PCHS was the basis for the growth and strength of our school and its students.

To deal with the trying job of principal we needed a man dedicated to PCHS. Such a man was Mr. James Pellowe. The job of principal mainly involved being in charge of the faculty, the building, and curriculum development. Mr. Pellowe also had the distinction of being one of those very special principals who takes the time to become actively involved in student life.

Our principal's right-hand man was assistant principal, Mr. Richard Tyler. The main job of the assistant principal

was being the head of what could be called 'student control.' This involved the protection, supervision, and discipline of students.

Mrs. Irene Miles held the complex job of Dean of Students. The main duty of the Dean was to keep attendance and records for the State. But students always visualized Mrs. Miles as the person giving those long-awaited announcements.

Together these three people, while serving as examples to nine-hundred-twenty, also gave our school the unity which is so necessary to any successful organization.



Sophomores soon find out that being called to the office 7th hour by Dean Mrs. Irene Miles can mean either happiness or disappointment.





Mr. Otto Cerda,
senior counselor;



Mrs. Irene Govatos,
junior counselor;



Mr. Robert Lundy,
guidance director;



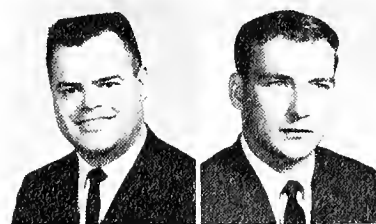
Miss Sandra Vandenberg,
sophomore counselor.



Guidance and co-op developed students into fully functioning adults

One of PCHS's many strengths was our guidance department. Counseling 920 students was no small task, but was successfully handled by Mr. Robert Lundy, Mrs. Irene Govatos, Mr. Otto Cerda, and Miss Sandra VandenBerg. The main goal of the guidance department was to help the students get the most out of the programs at Portage Central.

Not only did PCHS have programs that helped its students grow academically, but others which prepared them for practical occupations. The co-op program gave students a basic understanding of the working world and valuable experience in different occupational areas.



Mr. Larry Coin, work-experience coordinator; Mr. Jody Cowlbeck, practical training coordinator.

Top left: Mrs. Irene Govatos helps juniors plan their senior programs. Bottom left: Seniors Kathy Kooi and Kathy Wentzel make arrangements for counseling appointments with the new guidance office secretary, Mrs. Linda Templeton. Above left: Co-op student, Dale Phelps, joins the ranks of employees at Meijer's Thrifty Acres. Left: Vickie Wilson discusses her co-op job with her coordinator, Mrs. Ruth James.





Barb Postumas and Wolfe Stromberg use the library for its reference facilities.



Secretaries: seated, Mrs. Nancy Gillman; standing, Mrs. Linda Templeton, Mrs. Mary DeRyke, Mrs. Frances Allen.



Bus drivers: back: Joan Leitz, Jayne Kaylor, Lois Butson, Ruth Ashby. Middle: Mr. Beckon, Dorothy Trewlitt, Essie Danger, Joan Manning. Front: Louise Ryskamp, Dorothy Ferguson, Dorothy Reeves.

A healthy environment was their goal



Library: Mrs. Barbara Perrin, and Miss Gail Simon, librarian.

An area of growth at PCHS was the addition to our library and our new librarian Miss Gail Simon. The new addition is to be used for a study area. The high school library was opened every Thursday night to the public.

Our cafeteria workers kept the cafeteria running smoothly while feeding 920 students every day.

Portage engaged bus drivers to transport students to and from school and on the field trips which the school sponsored.

The hard working custodians worked throughout the year to keep Portage Central clean and pleasant. The men had an especially hard task this year because of the building going on throughout the school, but they did their usual fine job.

The various school secretaries strove to keep the school offices orderly and did much to help our administrators and counselors.

The audio-visual assistants were a great help to Portage Central teachers in locating movie projectors, movies, and other audio-visual aids for use in class.



Cafeteria Workers: Jackie Welch, Eloise Moore, Inez Lamson, Lucille Plohow, Christine Branch, Eleanor Buck Trudy Newhouse.



Custodians: William Schouwburg, Sam Harris, Charles Drake.

Expansion of the English

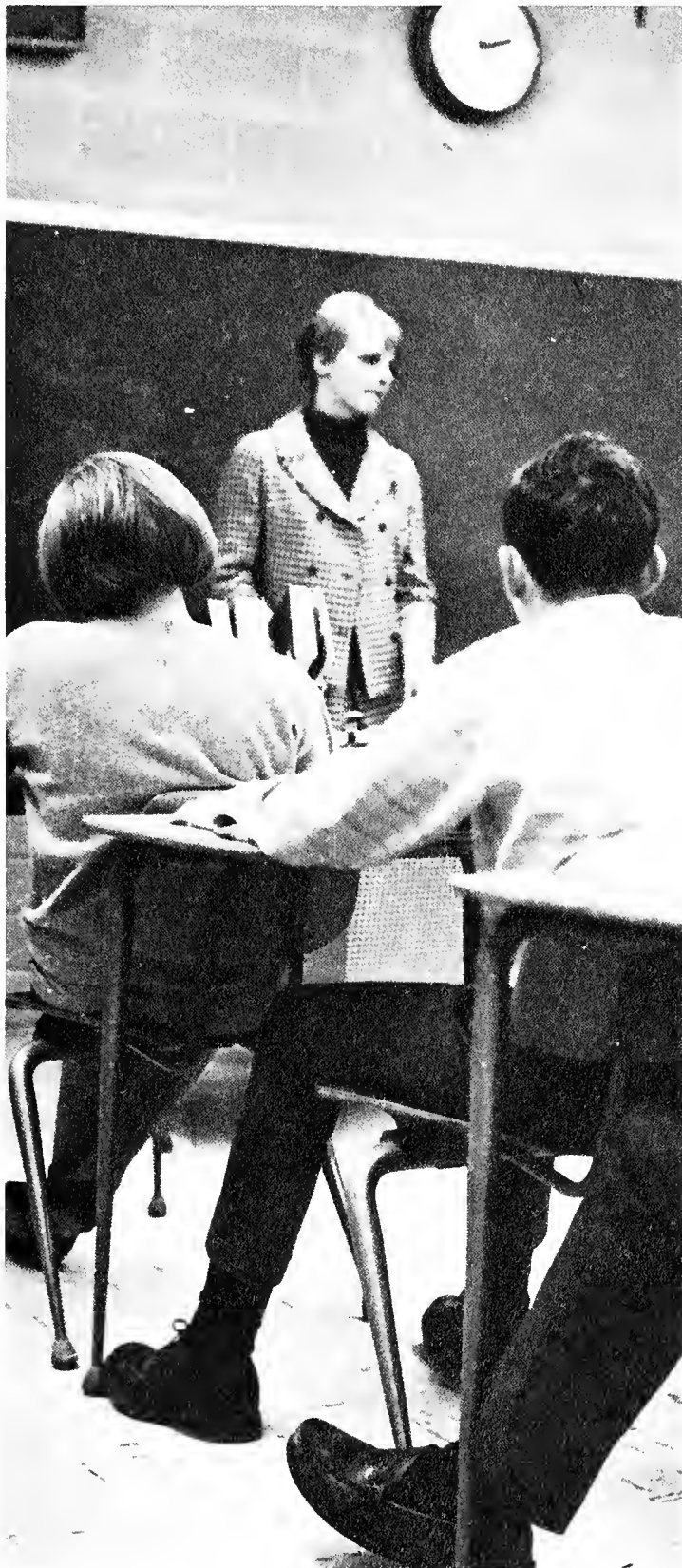


Mrs. Leslie Decker, Mrs. Sallie Ferguson, Mrs. Dorlaie Helzer, Mrs. Janet Lee, Mrs. Martha Modderman, Mrs. Jean Morell, Mrs. Joan Whiting, Mr. F. Hoekzema.



Above left: Sophomores, like Sue McRoberts, seem to be continually taking tests such as the DAT. Above: Jack Everherdus discovers that required courses like English don't have to be dull. Right: Mrs. Sallie Ferguson explains one of the basic elements of literature, theme. Far right: Seventh hours allow opportunities for extra help from Mrs. Dorlaie Helzer, so Julie Morrison takes advantage of this time.

Department met with student approval



Surveys of students' reactions to the new English program now in its second year showed student approval. Students were able to choose semester classes from the areas of communication, writing, and literature. The program was changed to more efficiently meet the desires and needs of all students. Students who illustrated talent in writing were able to further their talents by taking two semesters of writing courses. The department also added several new courses for the benefit of the student body. Included in these offerings were: English fundamentals, short story, composition I, and American literature. Because of this change, many students found English both interesting and challenging.





Social studies

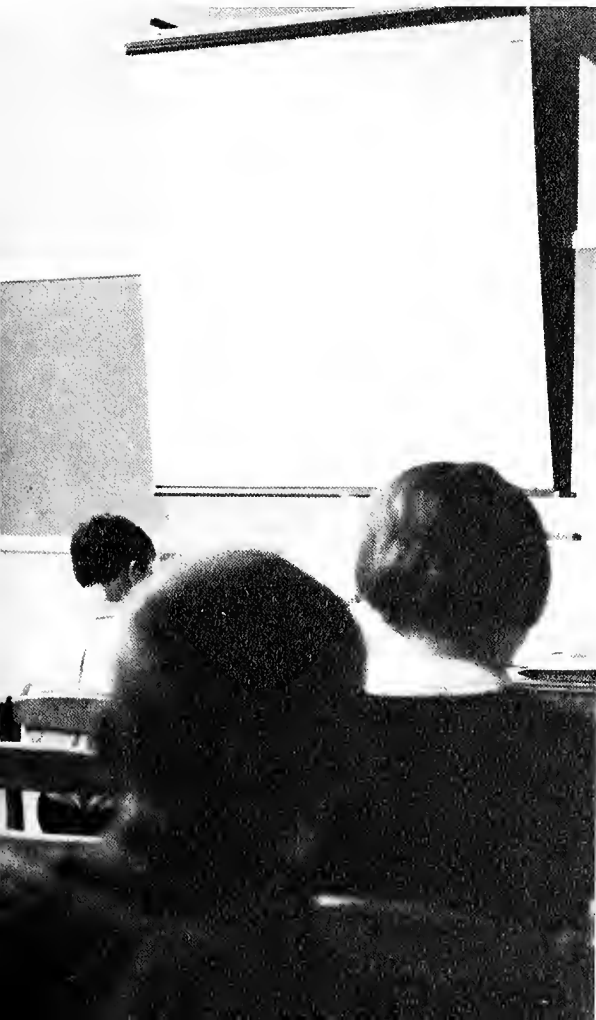
developed citizens



PCHS offered a variety of social studies courses this past year, ranging from psychology to world history. All of the courses brought the students into close contact with different aspects of society. The history courses gave a perspective of past societies, their successes and failures. It is hoped that the students will become better citizens as a result of their newly-gained perspective. The social studies teachers also tried to arouse an interest in current affairs. They did this by having Current Affairs Day at various times. On this day students discussed international, national, and local happenings. The main goal of social studies was to create better overall citizens.



Mrs. Viola Gross,
Mr. Roy Johnson,
Miss Yvonne Maxwell,
Mr. Robert Walker,
Mr. Floyd Yoder,
Social Studies.



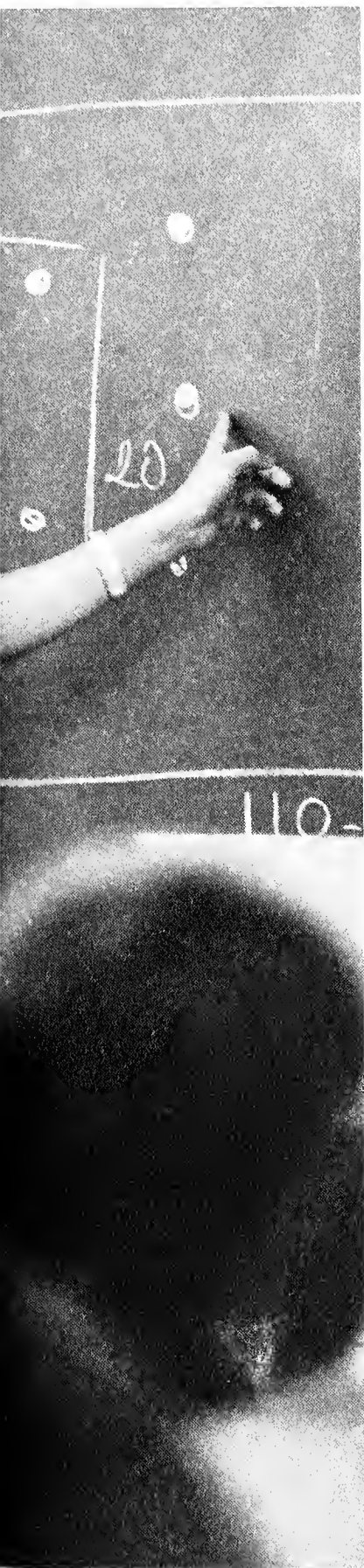
Top: Larry Ivens feels that physical expressions are needed to emphasize his negative views on the United Nations. Lower left: Mr. Floyd Yoder, a new teacher in our social studies department, displays a picture of a primitive society which exists in our modern world. Center: Miss Yvonne Maxwell uses the overhead projector to better explain the constitution of the United States to her U.S. history class.

Extra efforts rewarded debaters

The debate team, like our athletic teams, was fighting for victory throughout the past year. Meets were held with Portage Northern, Loy Norrix, Kalamazoo Central, and Battle Creek Central. Each year the topic changes. Last year members debated whether or not Congress should establish uniform regulations to control criminal investigation procedures.

Mrs. Leslie Decker, besides coaching the debate team, also taught speech. The main goal of speech class was to eliminate stage fright by helping the students gain confidence. The ability to speak intelligently before a group will aid these students both in their present classes and in the future.





Bottom left: Tom Jones demonstrates that debating involves mental contemplation as well as oral participation. Bottom right: Whether debating the positive or negative side, Eleanor Bates, a varsity team member, always delivers her view points impressively. Center: Rosit, our AFS student, finds it interesting to explain the fundamentals of soccer to his foreign friends in speech class. Top right: Doug Vliek conveys his ideas with the help of facial expressions.

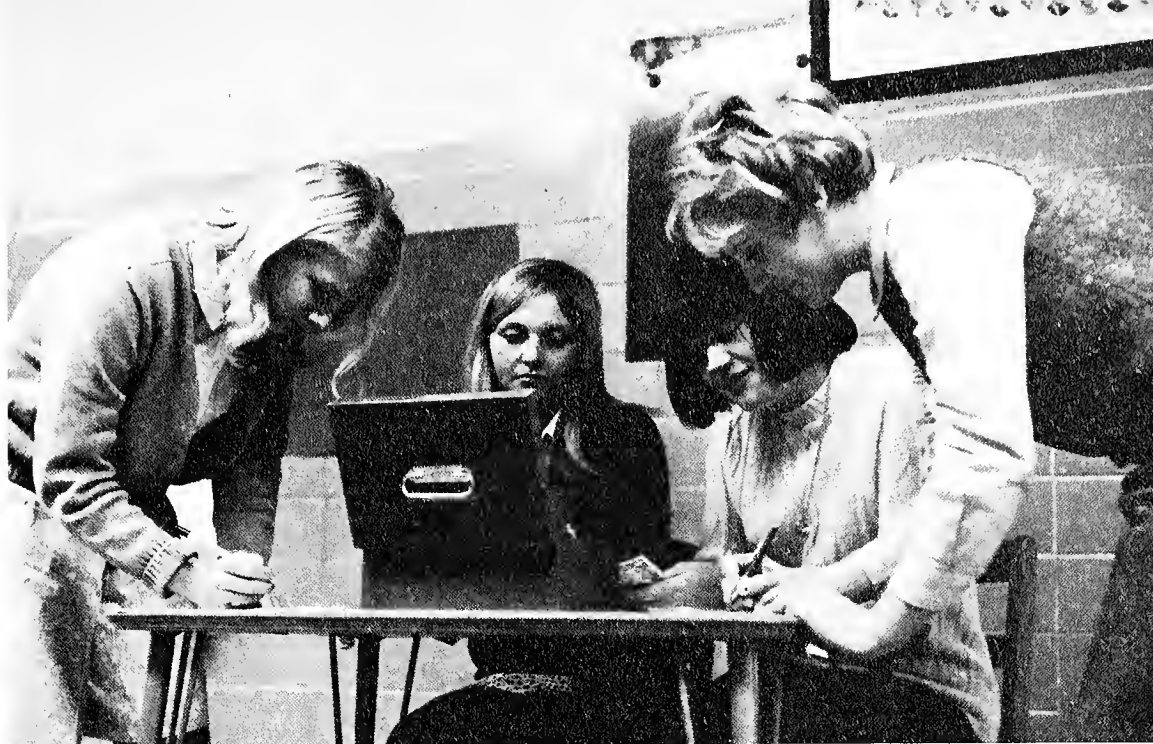




Our publications



Above: Sherri Jancasz, Pat Knoll, Barb Rickard, and Janeen Bongers give the dark room a good painting to aid the photographers in developing film. Above right: Janice Brady makes phone calls to the local merchants in search of advertising to finance the Mustang News.



had a successful year



With their finger on the pulse of the school, Mustang News kept an accurate account of happenings at Portage Central. Staff members became very familiar with the set-up of a newspaper, its problems and rewards. They soon realized that several pages are composed of hard work and frustration. Not only did the staff work during school hours, but they also gave up many free hours to meet pressing deadlines.

Photographers of both Mustang News and Yearbook combined their efforts to produce first-class results in photography.

The yearbook staff worked to improve the quality of this year's Roundup. Many students wonder why a full year was devoted to publishing the book, but the amount of work and time necessary was evident to members of the staff. Even before school started, staff members were selling ads to local businesses. These ads paid for half of the publication. The other half was paid for through subscription sales which occurred periodically throughout the first semester. The most important steps taken by the staff were the choice of a theme and cover design.

Above: The yearbook staff has many subscription sales during the year and sells advertising in the summer to finance the book. Carol Pott and Shelley Radabaugh sell subscriptions to juniors. Left: Mrs. Janice Lee advises Leslie Shriver and Linda Gent on placement of articles as they rush to meet a deadline.



Orchestra: Back row: Web Burrell, Nancy Campbell, Vicki Lowe, Rick Daam, Janalee Reineke, Linda Blum, Joanne Zielinski, Donna De Bault, Dennis Howard, Linda Cornell, Nancy Leipold, Kris Coward, Chuck Miller, Mr. Robert Cox. Second row: Bette Galt, Tom Bickle, Diane Decker, Paula Weaver, Lynne Barry, Sheryl McRoberts, Carol Melson, Jeff Lee, Mike Williams, Dean

Christopher, Joe Santek, John Zielinski, Lewie Roberts, Frank Maston, Jerri Catron, Nancy Derhammer. Third row: Annelies DeBruin, John Ongley, Mary Wilkinson, Janice Potts, Pam Weaver, Bev Thornton, Sue Duncan, Dan Carlsen, Bill Overholt, Chris Williams.



Mrs. Jacqueline DeMent, French; Miss Janice O'Dell, Spanish; Mrs. Monika Ross, German; Mrs. Helen Summers, Latin; Mr. Robert Cox, Orchestra.

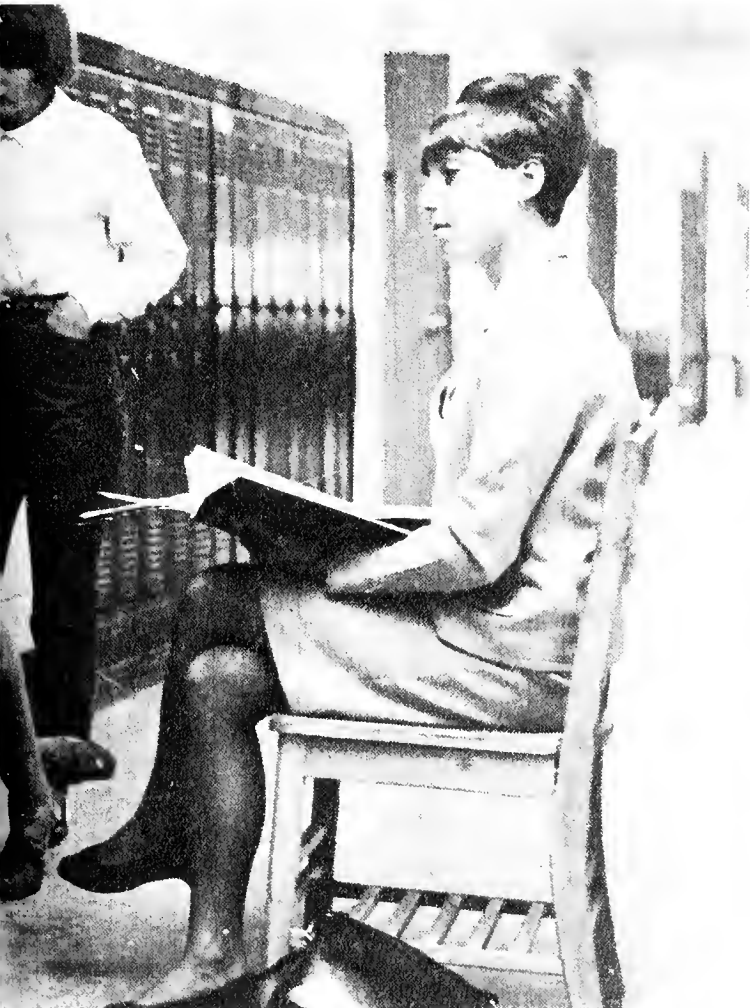


World of culture opened to students



Central students found that language was the most inexpensive way for a student to explore a foreign country. The study of language consisted of comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing skills. Emphasis was placed on imitation of tone and sound. With the aid of films and slides, the historical and cultural backgrounds were investigated. The world certainly seemed smaller when language was no barrier.

Orchestra enabled students to express their talents in the field of music. Offering the student a chance to perform and appreciate fine music, orchestra presented opportunities for democratic living. Besides performing in various local concerts and festivals, the orchestra journeyed to Battle Creek for a festival in March.



Above: Eyes intent on her musical score, Jerri Catron bows her bass. Upper right: Spanish stimulates interest in customs and culture, increasing the ability for correct pronunciation. Right: Student teachers bring new ideas to language classes.



High school choir: Back row: Sharon TenBrink, Cindy DeBault, Sue Smit, Ken Glerum, Rick Daam, Gary Roberts, Judy Blodgett, Bruce Jarsma, Mitchell Gross, Paula Stahel, Nancy Campbell, Dave Wierengo, Scott Bradley, Pam Bartholomew, Lynn Lambert, Paula Weaver, Becky Leipold. Third row: Rosie Butler, Sue Cunningham, Derek Stewart, Larry Witters, Gary Phelps, Denise Frielink, Ron Spencer, John Zielinski, Linda McHale, Diane Abbott, Gary Fish, Doug Terpstra, Bonnie Hopkins, Bev Frye, Janice

Brady. Second row: Cheryl Birkhold, Sue Johnson, Diane Carr, Lance Parish, Terry Kreider, Diane Suterko, Caren Bonte, Dan Derhammer, Denny Nyitray, Dennis Derhammer, Lisa Gardner, Mary Wilkinson, Ernie Jewett, Bob Fox, Cindy Weiman, Kathy Braymer, Sue Akers. Front row: Shalene Jones, Gayle Henderson, Tommi Wheatley, Mr. Del Thusius, Mary McFall, Colleen Marek, Sue Taylor.



D. Thusius, Choir



D. Holcomb, K. Langworthy; Art.



Cultural advancement was encouraged

by art and choir



It's been said that singing is one of the highest forms of personal expression, and by the looks of these four PCHS vocalists, this old adage is still true.

The three choirs of Portage Central spent their year studying and performing some of the world's finest choral music, ranging from deep holy works to light comic. The choirs added a touch of the glorious to PCHS.

Down the hall from the choir room other Portage Central students were expressing their feelings and impressions by means of art.

In our Art Department at PCHS a variety of classes were offered. Some were designed to give the general art student an overall view of art in daily life, while others were designed to give experience to the serious art student. One of the main events (held every Spring) was the ALL SCHOOL ART SHOW, in which many students participated.



Concert Choir: Front row: Karen Krieder, John Bambacht, Cathy Morren, Nathan Maston, Cindy Patterson. Second row: Dean Christopher, Mr. Del Thusius, Julie Henson, Terry Tweedy, Jeff Gibson. Third row: Jan Blodgett, John Terry, Marcy Paul, Jim Scranton, Bev Thornton. Fourth row: Glen Burket, Karen Gotautas, John Fisher, Beth Wilder, Bruce Wheatley.

Far Left: Using a method unchanged for thousands of years, Chris Williams adds a modern touch to her clay creation. Left: Mr. Del Thusius selflessly gives his time to guarantee that the concerts and programs are flawlessly performed.



PCHS Band: *First Row:* John Terry, Joanne Zielinski, Debbie Arenz, Janalee Rieneke, Jerry Carveth, Carol Melson, Diane Decker, Paula Weaver, Lynne Barry, Sheryl McRoberts. *Second Row:* Ron VanderMeer, Linda Blum, Beth Reed, Becky Holmberg, Andy Herr, Chris Davis, Donna DeBault, Dennis Howard, Nancy Leipold, Chris Coward, Linda Cornell, Kathy Kuiper, Debbie Kreider, Becky Vandenberg, Nancy Blum, Ann Wilkening, Pat Carlsen. *Third Row:* Cindy Pyle, Mary Morton, Pat DeRyke,

Lantz Palams, Steve Horn, John Russell, Lynn Lambert, Lance Parish, Bruce Dunham, Joe Santek, Dave Moeller, John Zielinski, Dave Ongley, Derek Stewart, Lewie Roberts, Don Green, John Kakabaker, Dave Corstange, Paul Groothuis, Colleen Gleason, Kirk Steele, Jeff Lee, Mike Williams, Dean Christopher. *Fourth Row:* Debbie Quake, Dean Wilkening, Gary Miller, Pat Clark, Steve Kinney, Chuck Miller, Rich Daam, Mr. David Overton. *Fifth Row:* Nancy Campbell, Web Burrell, Vicki Lowe.



Mr. David Overton
Band

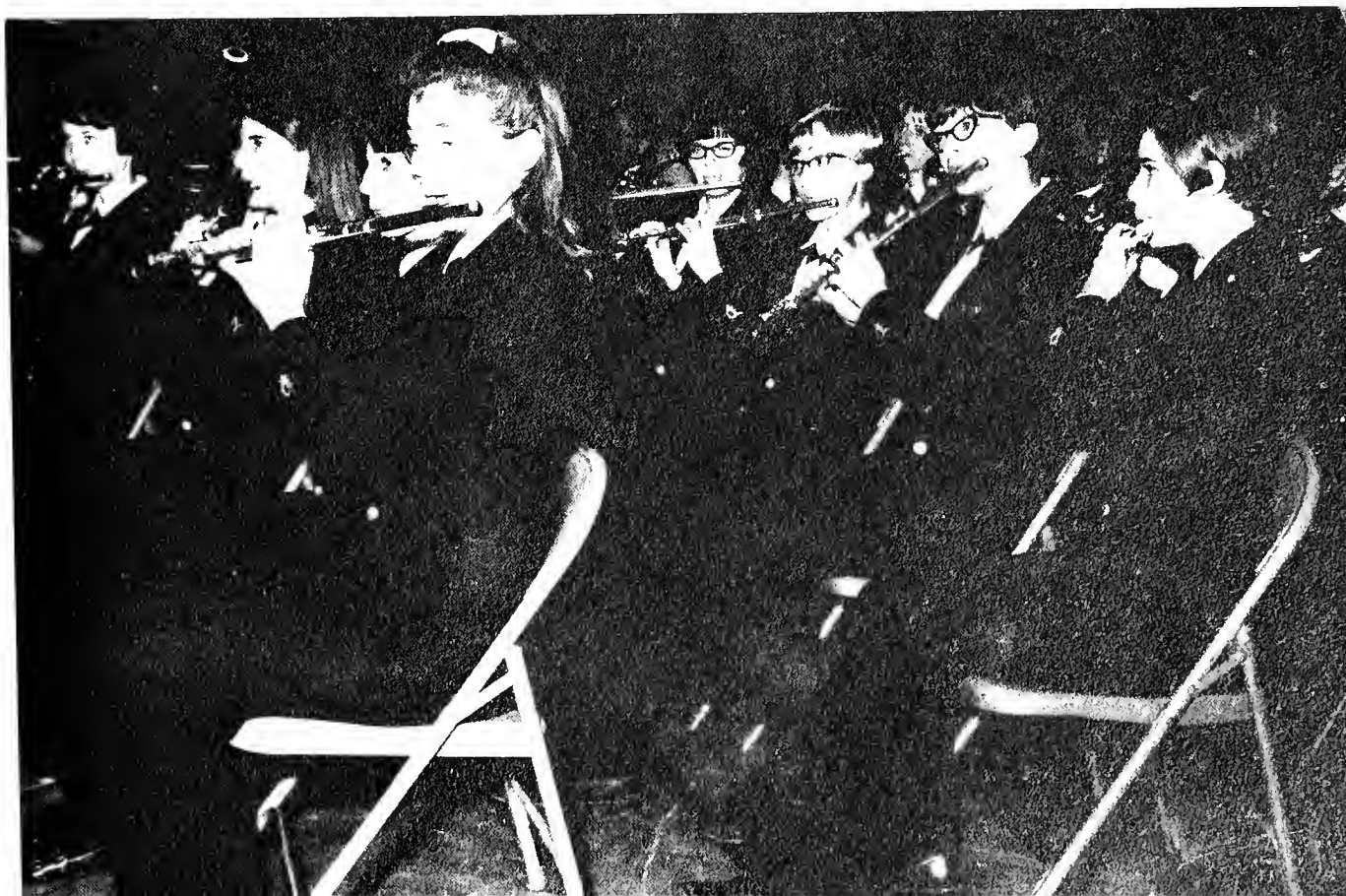




Band brought honors to PCHS

The spirit of Blue and Gold rang through the bleachers as PCHS's band played the school song. While the band inspired school spirit it also enriched our school and community. Teamed with the band, the majorettes captured our attention with their daring fire baton twirling. Besides performing at football and basketball games, the band participated in several concerts and festivals. In preparation for these activities, the members of the band sacrificed many free hours to practice various precision drills. To the students, band offered the basic fundamentals of music and an advancement of musical skills.

Below right: The lilting tones of the flute section contributed to the harmony of the band. Above: Mr. Overton strains to lead the band down the right musical path. Below left: Rick Daam and Chuck Miller make music with their respective instruments.



Science classes stimulated inquisitive minds

The doors to exploration and experimentation were opened by the science department. The various science courses offered, and the many facilities available presented unlimited opportunities for investigation. Although the different courses dealt with several aspects of science, each had one main purpose — to introduce the student to his environment. This was done through biographical, laboratory, graphical, and experimental study. The classes spent more time with lab experiments this year, because of the new materials available. Science students discovered that science, although challenging, is rewarding.



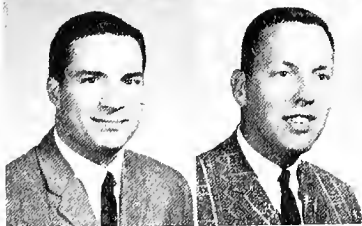
Mr. Donald Campbell
Miss Linda Dalrymple



Mr. Dean Dingman
Mr. Ernest Kirkman



Mr. Thomas MacKenzie
Mr. Donald Stowe



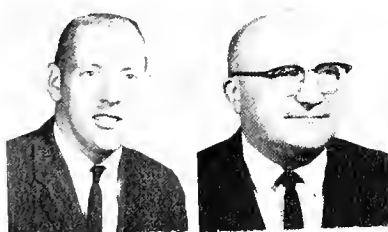


Above left: Mr. Donald Campbell explains how "Mickey Mouse" the experiment on Defraction of Light is. Above: Mr. Thomas MacKenzie explains to Sandy Brockway that the Paramecium is really a speck of dust on the microscope lens. Left: Phyllis Schippers tries to correctly measure the volume of Hydrogen gas produced from Magnesium and hydrochloric acid. Below: Seventh-hour activities are forgotten as Jerry Traxler, Steve McKinley, and Jeff Sears rush to complete an experiment on time.





Upper left: Mrs. Sara Pries helps Pat Welch figure correct tab stops. Lower left: As part of her office co-op program, Diane Honeysett serves bank customers. Right: Mr. Richard Groenheide develops the complex proof of a theorem.



Mr. Richard Groenheide, Mr. William Rajkovich, Mr. Daniel Lenzi, Mathematics.



Math and business required accuracy and concentration



concentration

The business department at PCHS helped to prepare students for college and the business world. Business courses offered general information as well as vocational background for all students. New classes offered in the department this past year were: introduction to data processing, and related instruction for cooperative office training.

Mathematics is a must in our modern world, and our school offered a variety of math classes, ranging from a general math course to advanced math which featured trigonometry and calculus. The algebra and geometry classes were designed to help the students gain an understanding of the concepts of proofs, functions, conics and polynomials. The general math courses gave students an understanding of number bases, signed numbers, elementary algebra and geometry.



Miss Elizabeth Gloor, Mr. Donald Hillyer, Mr. Vern Ingalsbee, Mrs. Sara Pries, Mrs. Marilyn Rayle, Mrs. Eleanor Smith, Business.



*No matter what shape
your stomach was in,
they fixed it*

"Get into shape, and have fun at the same time." That was the motto of boys' physical education teachers, Mr. Jerry Peterson and Mr. Jack Piotter. And that's exactly what the students did. They combined sports such as basketball, football and wrestling with calisthenics to get into good overall shape. Added fun activities were bowling in the fall and winter and golf in the spring.

Girls' physical education classes, taught by Miss Jean Smith, were designed to give the girls poise while bringing them into contact with sports. The girls also learned a variety of folk dances which helped to give them confidence on the dance floor, as well as a knowledge of the culture of European countries. As the girls found, physical education is essential for everyone.



Mr. Jack Piotter, Mr. Jerry Peterson, Boys' Physical Education; Miss Jean Smith, Girls' Physical Education; Mr. Robert Moon, Driver Education.



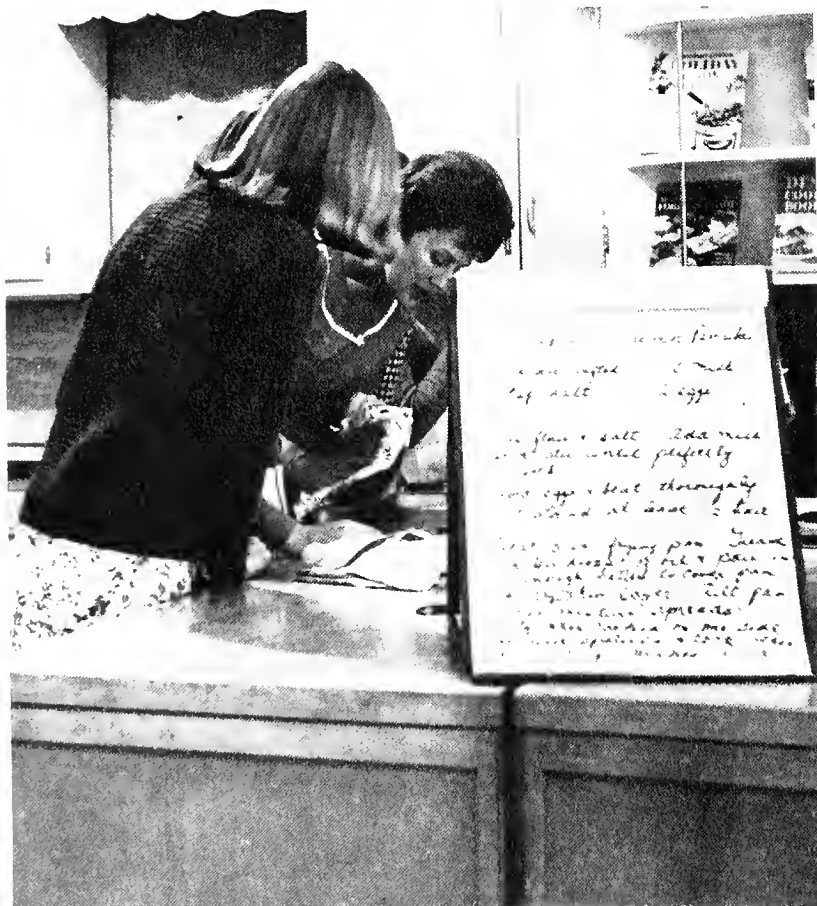


Drivers Ed. gave students experience



The main goal of our drivers education program this past year was to teach the students the "ins and outs" of defensive driving. The students were taught to be alert and careful whenever behind the wheel of a car. Teaching was done not only by the use of the usual books but also through practical experience. This experience was obtained on the driving range as well as on the road itself.

Top left: Chuck Lucas gives the finishing kick on his last lap in gym class. Above: Drivers Ed. students gain invaluable experience by maneuvering their cars about the range. Near left: Rosie Butler's excellent play in volleyball provides the winning margin. Far left: Phyllis Schippers and Gayle Henderson demonstrate modern dance during gym class.





Practical arts aided in future vocations

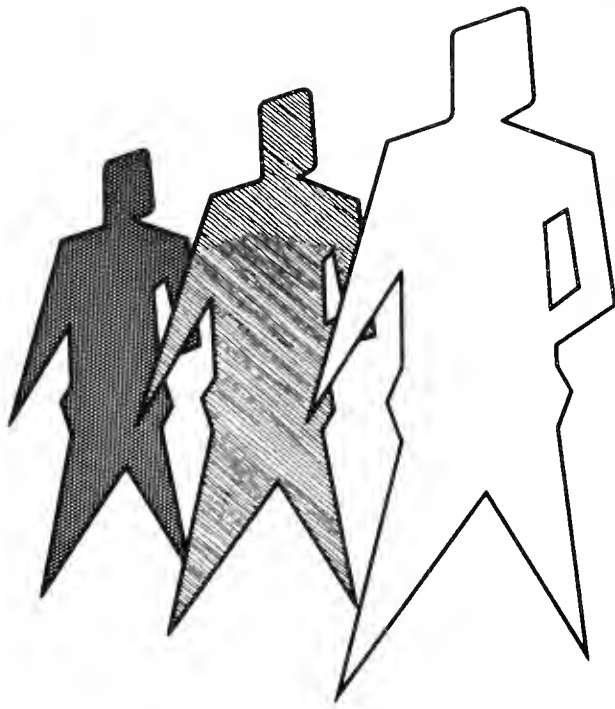
In addition to the usual cooking and sewing involved in the home economics department, family living was stressed this year. The family living classes helped the girls to further understand themselves and their families. Their main projects were planning a wedding and decorating a home.

Another class that trained students for a practical phase of adult life was building trades. This class was designed to acquaint students with industrial processes and train them for a skill. As in previous years, our building trades class cooperated with that of Northern in the construction of a house.



Suzanne Carter, June Abnet, Harold Hope, Charles Bassett, Engel Corstange, Roger Gustafson, James Schram.

Above far left: Student teacher, Miss Linda Miller, appreciates the humor of the senior girls in family living. Below far left: Mrs. Suzanne Carter questions the safety of sampling a student's cooking project. Above left: Students in the vocational building trades class work with their instructor, Mr. Corstange, on their project at 1804 Birchton. Left: Defying tradition, Betty Zootendyke excels in woodshop.



Activities played an important role in high school life

Activities played a large and important role in high school life. Besides providing students with fun and relaxation, they gave us invaluable opportunities to meet others and enjoy their friendship. We could enjoy anything from a basketball game to a debate during the past year. And, while there was much fun to be had by all, there were also valuable lessons and experiences made available by activities. Student council taught us the basics of self-government while sports instilled competitive spirit. All activities showed the value of cooperation — how much a group of people could accomplish by working together.



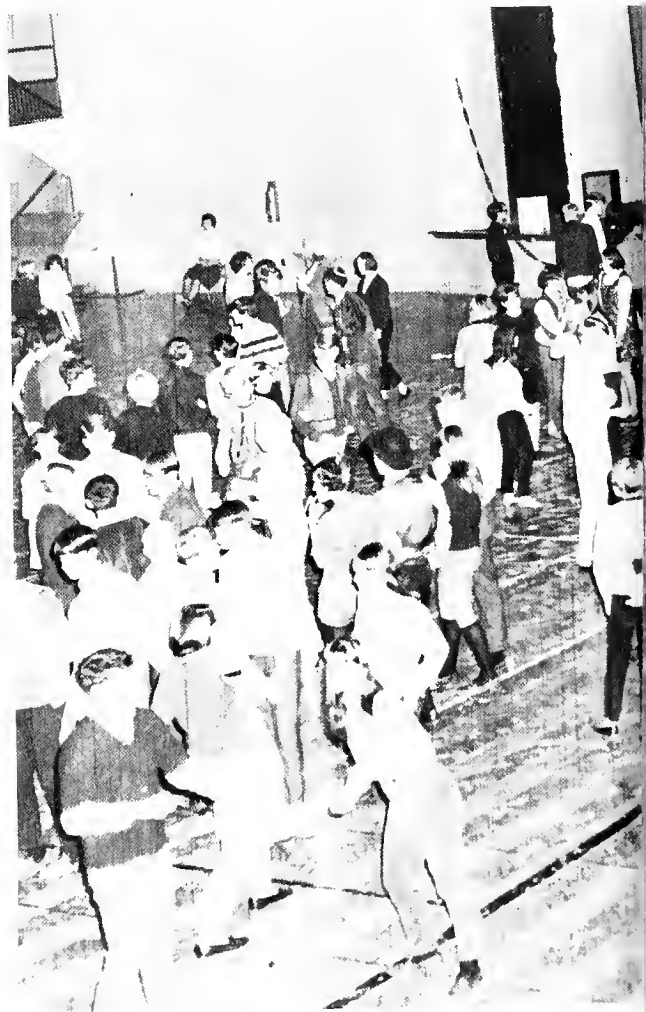




Above: Inter-school Council participants, Jan Magerman and Dave Moeller help in the annual bread lift. Right: Lacking costumes but not enthusiasm, students enjoy the Student Council sponsored Halloween Dance.



Inter-school Council Members — Front row: Dave Moeller, Pat DeKam, Joanne Zielinski, Doug Vliek. Second row: Eleanor Bates, Mr. Walker, Advisor.





Student Council Members; Front row: Jan Magerman, Secretary; Judy Perrin, Parliamentarian; Louis Roberts, Vice President; Tom Roe, President; Pam Boyer, Treasurer; Mr. Walker, Advisor. Second row: Lynn Barry, Pat Tindall, Diane Abbott, Dave Moeller, Doug Vliek, Carol Pott, Mike Shriver, Judy Hall. Third row:

Randy Brown, Diane Suterko, Nancy Derhammer, Kathy Stafinski, Margie Lum, Penny Olday, Karen Dean, Sue Johnson, Lyn Lambert. Fourth row: Dave Warringo, Jon Bonjour, Dave Shakespeare, Denny Nitray, Phyllis Gibson, Linda Floyd, Sue McRoberts, Linda Benson, Paul Knoll.



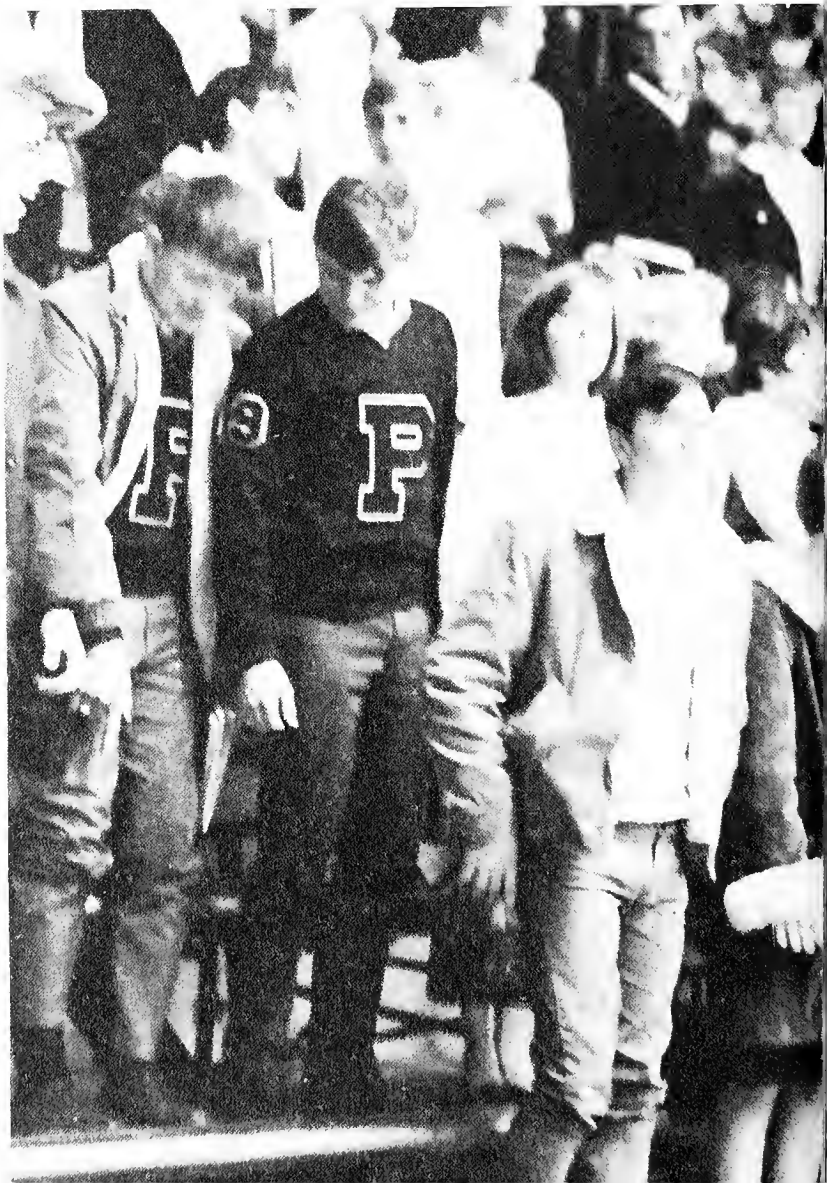
Student Council was an experience in self-government

Portage Central's student government, our student council, is made up of representatives elected from their home rooms along with the five officers and the advisor, Mr. Robert Walker. The student council sent representatives to many leadership conferences, planned the football and basketball homecomings, sponsored school dances, formulated school dress policy, and investigated other school problems.

The members from Portage Central were very active in the inter-school council. There they gained and gave ideas on how to improve our school and our relationship with other area schools. To promote unity between area schools, the inter-school council sponsored a bread lift that combined the efforts of willing students from all area schools to raise money for the March of Dimes.



Above: Varsity Club member finds that children will resort to bribery if they lack adequate funds to get into the game. Above right: Varsity cheerleaders and members of the Pep Club demonstrate their spirit by holding an unofficial pep assembly. Above far right: Nanci Ritchie and Pat DeKam are two of the many hard workers who decorated our halls with posters encouraging our teams on to victory. Center: Students turn out at a pep assembly to show spirit and support for our teams. Lower right: Members of the pep club made a poster which described our great Mustangs.

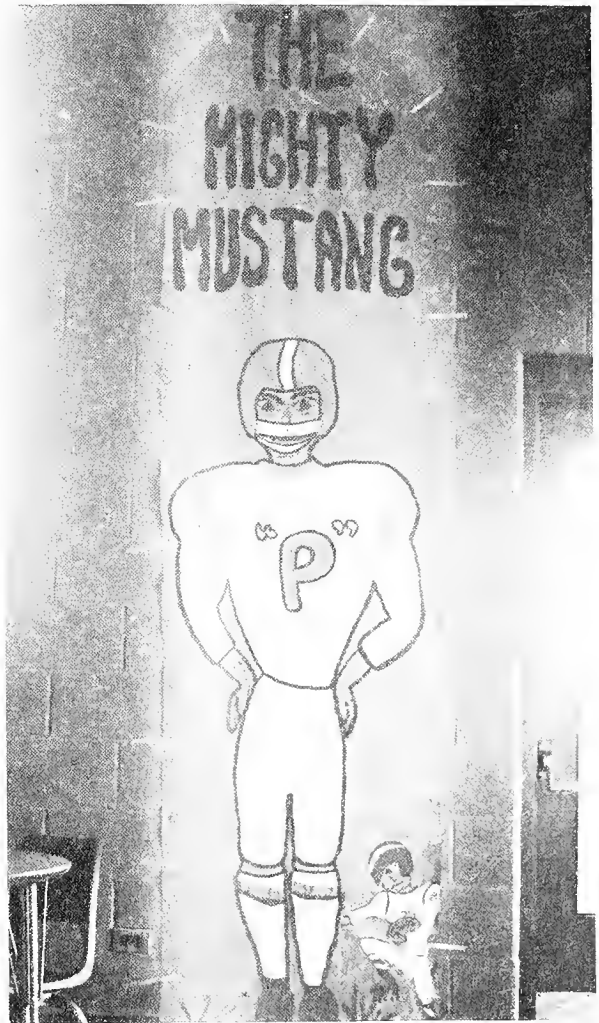
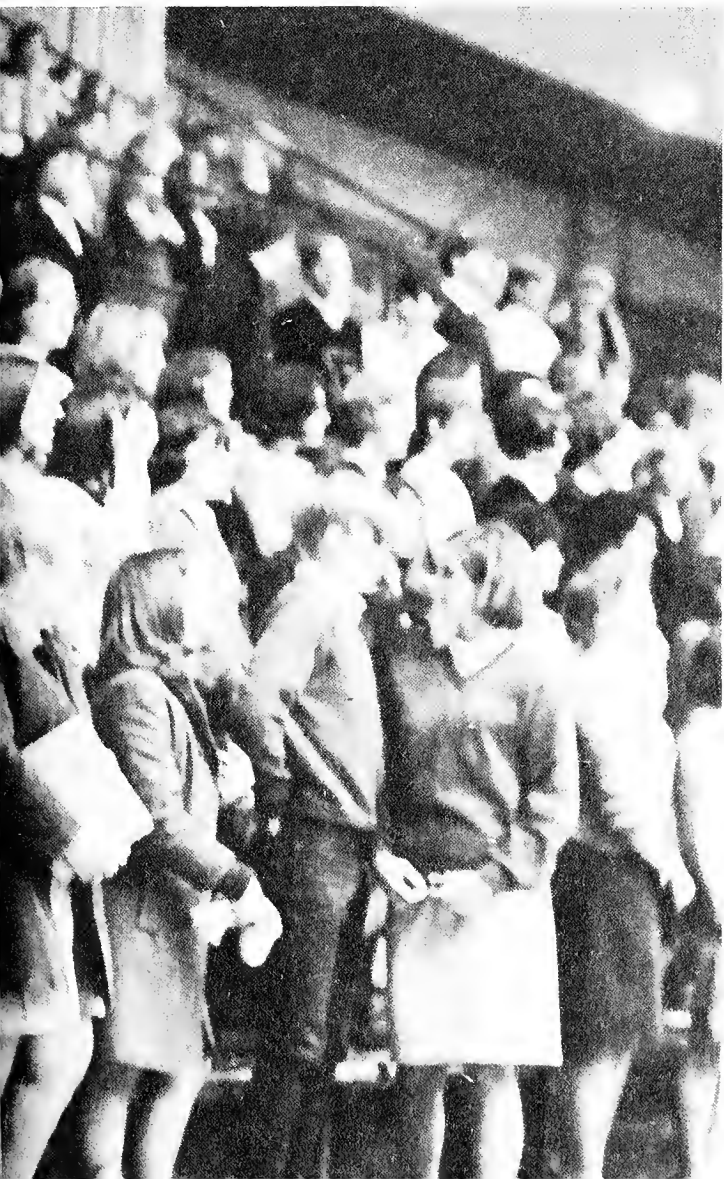


Our school spirit marked their success



The Pep Club girls made it their business to promote school spirit. They had several methods which they used to do this. The ones with which we were probably most familiar were the pep signs. The girls put a lot of work into making the signs, which showed that they truly supported their teams.

Anyone who has earned a letter in a varsity sport was eligible to become a member of the Varsity Club. Under the new leadership of Mr. Bob Kiser, club members promoted interest in athletics while sponsoring various projects. Like the Pep Club, the Varsity Club instilled school spirit and added enthusiasm to the student body. The efforts of both clubs indirectly led to many Mustang victories.



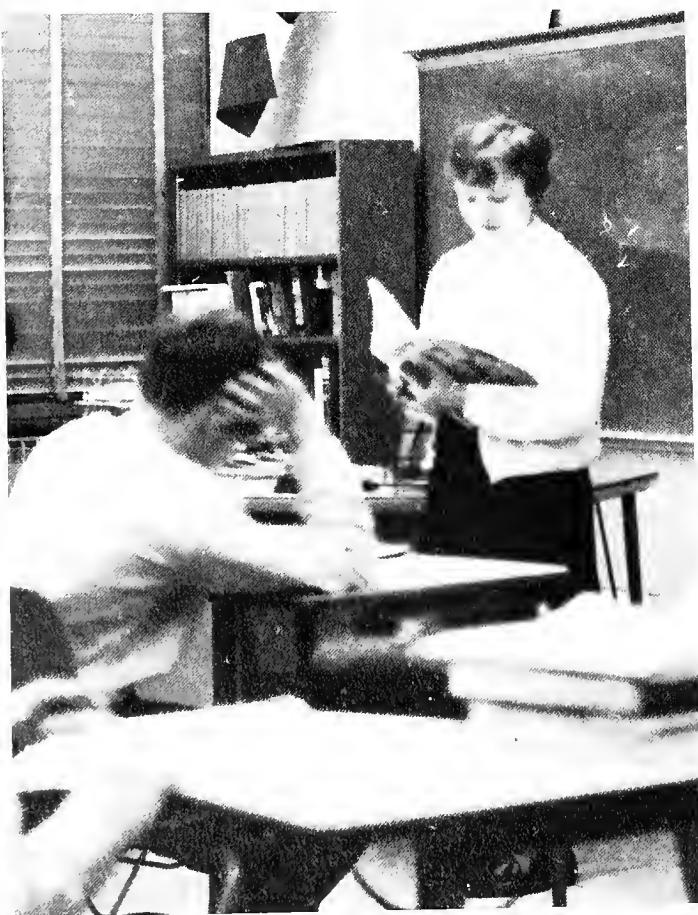
Future Clubs

explored occupations

The Future Homemakers of America, sponsored by Mrs. June Abnet, was designed to further members' understanding of homemaking. In keeping with the goal of serving those around them, the members of FHA made their own uniforms, went Christmas caroling, made homecoming corsages, and sponsored a Teachers Tea during FHA week.

The Future Nurses of America, sponsored by Miss Joyce Horton, provided information for girls interested in health careers. The girls, who had the opportunity to work in local hospitals, also heard interesting speakers that clarified ideas about specific careers.

Sponsored by Mrs. Dorlaie Helzer, the Future Teachers Club provided those students who are interested in teaching with experience and information. Christmas projects, money-making projects and educational conferences were some of their activities, along with cadet teaching.





Left: As part of her Future Teachers Club activities, Deborah Kreider assists Mrs. Linda Nelson in teaching eighth-grade English students. Upper: Future Nurses anxiously sign up for Christmas caroling at Fairmount Hospital. Right: Faced with a hundred and fifty yellow mums, Future Homemakers turn them into blue and gold corsages, symbolic of the spirit at PCHS. Lower: Future Homemakers begin their American beautification project by making posters which they distributed throughout the school and the community.





Upper: French Club helps to celebrate the Christmas season by having a party. Lower: After a year of inactivity, the German Club is served by new interests and members.





Clubs made learning fun

Membership in our language clubs proved both educational and entertaining. Each club participated in fund-raising projects to secure money for a special trip or activity. They washed cars in the dead of winter, sold cupcakes at a crowded bake sale, and worked at concession stands for home games.

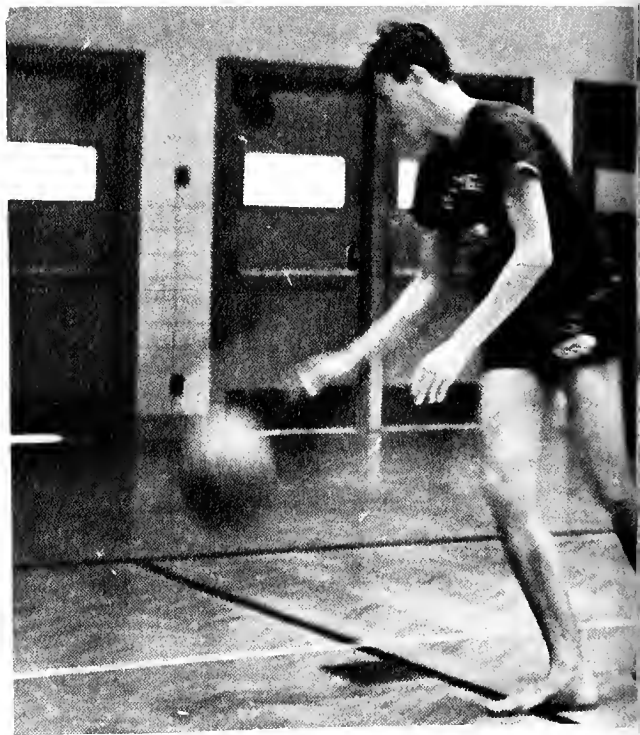
However, it wasn't all work and no play. At various times throughout the year, there were parties, hayrides, and trips. Often, guest speakers were present at evening meetings to further the club's knowledge of a country's background. Language clubs were a profitable way for students to widen their horizons through an extra-curricular activity.

Upper: The creative Spanish Club members construct colorful pinatas with an assortment of seemingly useless materials. Lower: Selling concessions at a tournament game helps the Spanish and German Clubs to finance future projects.

AFS students were 'globetrotters'

Neither rain, sleet, nor snow could keep the members of AFS from selling popcorn. At every game their familiar cry was heard throughout the crowds. They needed funds to bring students to study in the U.S. Their goal was to send a student from PCHS to a foreign land. The profits from a dance were added to funds enabling them to reach this goal.

There were three exchange students who participated in this program last year. Nilza Secomandi, an 18 year old from Brazil, and Rasit Hosgor, a student from Turkey, spent an enjoyable year as seniors at PCHS. Wolf Stromberg came on his own from Germany to further his studies in America. Each foreign student participated in extra-curricular activities, finding life in America both challenging and rewarding.





Opposite left: Nilza Secomandi continues developing her skills at art while attending PCHS. Opposite right: Learning the complex techniques of basketball, Wolf Stromberg participates in a popular American sport. Above: Rasit Hosgor, our student from Turkey, learns to enjoy American food at the home of the Harold Traxlers.





First row: Chris Williams, Pat Tindall, Sue Sheeler, Jan Blodgett, Pat Carson, Pat DeKam, Susan Ackers. *Second row:* Marsha Verschure, Sheryl McRoberts, Jo Woolrich, Kathy Braymer, JoAnn Zielinski, Judy Blodgett, Lynn Barry, Karen Krieder. *Third row:* Marsha Michael, Carole Verderberg, Pam Boyer, Nancy Liepold, Linda Bluhm, Beth Wilder, Linda Gent, Sharon TenBrink, Kathy

Stafinski, Pete LaFreniere. *Fourth row:* Bruce Day, Mike Williams, Roger Schultz, Sandy Centers, Lynn Werkman, Terry Fry, Deb Quake, Kathy Thompson, Mike Murry, Dan Christopher. *Fifth row:* John Fisher, Steve Goodrich, Dave Moeller, John Zielinski, Larry Kulscar, Andy LaFreniere, Jerry Hochendoner.





Members gave of themselves

Three activities at PCHS which were designed for exceptional students were NHS, Thespians, and Omega. Members of NHS decided that their society would become a service club and gave aid to other clubs whenever it was needed. Omega, Central's literary magazine, was an outlet for anyone with a flair for art or writing. The Thespians was an organization designed to promote plays. Every actor worth his salt was a member. Students who participated in these activities devoted hours to the betterment of our school and should be applauded.



Far left: Under the fine direction of Mr. Fritz Hoekzema, the Thespians put on many successful productions. Left: Denise Frielink, Omega's president, works diligently with art designs. Above left: Tradition was carried on with the induction of the new National Honor Society members, highlighted by the candle-lighting ceremony. Above: Behind-the-stage scenes illustrate that hard work is a factor involved in Thespian successes.

Service, discussion, exploration were part of PCHS



Nancy Leipold enters a heated discussion on each presidential candidate's chances in the 1968 race.

Members of the Ushers Club, willing to serve the school as an organization, ushered at school assemblies. Ushers wore new uniforms this year which were blue jumpers and white blouses. The group was much more active than in past years.

Students interested in the happenings of the world made up the membership of the Current Events Club. After researching a given topic, members carried on intelligent discussions. A major topic was the political race.

The goal of the Science Club was to promote the interest of science at PCHS. Members were informed of the progress of science and, as a club, they worked on a radiation project. A post-game dance was their only money-making project.

All three clubs strove to aid in school service, discussion, and exploration.



As the basketball team of the "Mighty Mustangs" strives for victory against Dowagiac, Teri Stowell, Jan Trombley, and Sandy

Bell, all members of the Ushers Club, sell concessions to finance the club's projects.



To the laymen of science, a petrie dish filled with bacteria would seem like something to be discarded. But to Chuck Wiessner and Jon Bonjour, who carefully added solutions and studied these reac-

tions, they were objects to be carefully examined. Both boys did this as part of their science club activities.





Spirit was promoted

The cheerleaders illustrated an added enthusiasm last year with newly gained experience and awards which they received at cheerleading camp. They practiced diligently to perfect the numerous songs, rhymes, and cheers executed at assemblies and games. After their success at camp, it was no surprise that while attending a clinic the varsity cheerleaders placed first in competition among a hundred squads. With the aid of their advisor, Mrs. Leslie Decker, the cheerleaders promoted school spirit, thus helping the team to victory.

Leading the band to success, the majorettes illustrated coordination in their performances of precision routines.



Top: Portage Central's Varsity Cheerleaders: Joanne Zielinski, Penny Olday, Connie Duthie, Lynne Barry, Nancy Lynn, Joan Visker, Bette Galt. Opposite left: Penny Olday gives a big yell for a big victory at our football homecoming. Opposite right: PCHS's

Majorettes were Pam Boyer and Pat Carr. Above: Junior Varsity Cheerleaders: Yvonne Homoki, Diane Burch, Tommi Wheatley, Nancy Guillamin, Mary Wilkinson. Front: Carol Pennock.



Above: Students engage in many creative projects in Art Club. Below: Mr. Holcomb instructs the Art Club this year to bring out their best in abilities. Right above: Smitty cooperates in a money-raising project for GRA. Athletic activities stimulate good health and a sense of accomplishment in GRA, as shown on the opposite page, bottom.

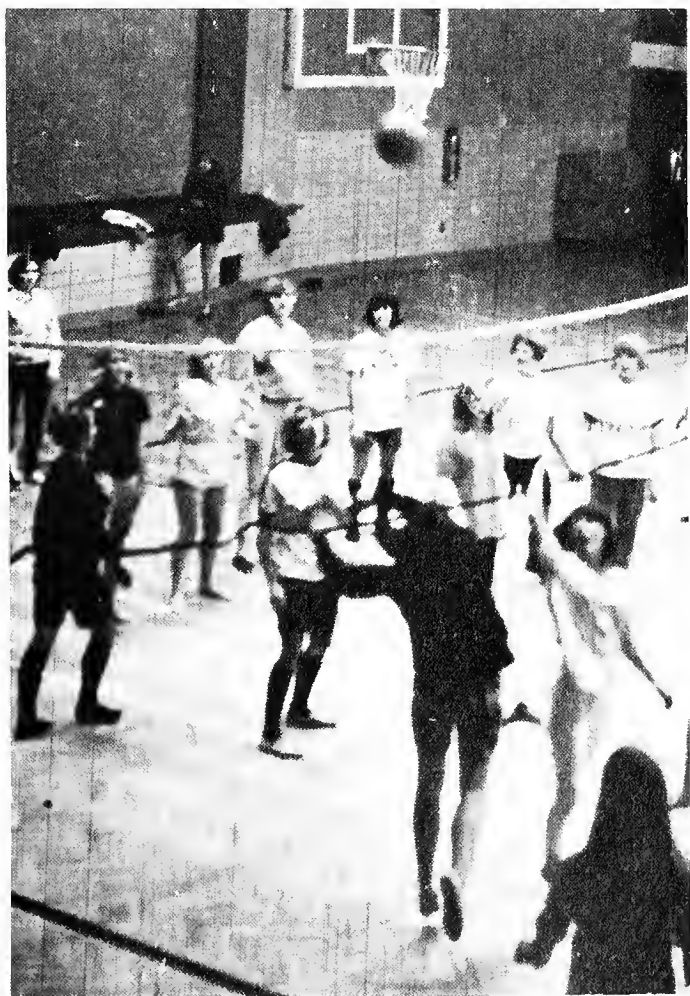




Clubs ranged from physical to creative

The Girls Recreation Association at PCHS involved activities in volleyball, basketball, field hockey, gymnastics and modern dance. GRA was open to all girls interested in athletic and recreational activities. This past year Miss Jean Smith allowed the students to organize themselves, and more emphasis was placed on intramural activities.

Mr. David Holcomb was the advisor for last year's Art Club. The main goals of the club were to promote the art department and to decorate PCHS through displays. The major projects were: a mobile, one-man art shows, and an art auction. The biggest event was the Clothesline Art Show in which the Club has participated for the past three years.





Below: Winner of the Y-Teens Knobby Knees Contest, Ray Stuit, proudly displays his winning knees by wearing shorts to school. Right: Ginny Northrup and Chris Snyder work on a project that involves much work and sorting through magazines for Y-Teens.





Ski Club and Y-Teens planned outside activities



The Portage Central High School Ski Club, sponsored by Mr. Dean Dingman, spent the first part of the year hoping for snow so the trips they planned would become realities rather than dreams. The club planned trips for Saturdays to area ski lodges when conditions were satisfactory. The big event planned by the Ski Club was a weekend trip to one of Northern Michigan's prominent ski resorts.

The Y-Teens Club, sponsored by Miss Linda Dalrymple, was designed to offer Portage Central's girls fun and friendship. The Y-Teens Club held many outside activities, including slumber and swimming parties at the Y.W.C.A. The big event of the year was a campout on Lake Michigan at the end of the year.

Top left: Ski Club President, Mike Madison, dreams about snow so that the Ski Club can make one of their annual skiing trips. Top right: Ski Club members prepare to put away their equipment after a day-long trip. Left: Exhausted Ski Club members relax after an exciting run on the slopes.

Homecoming brought victory to PCHS



The theme 'Something Simple' provided the basis for the 1967 football homecoming. Students, co-operating in the special days preceding the game, wore hats, slacks, ties, and class colors. A tormenting rain threatened the festivities but homecoming continued. The rains had flooded the track, thus preventing the parade of floats. But it didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the fans. The 'Mighty Mustangs' were the victors. Students were given a chance to congratulate the team for their fine performance at the hootenany after the game.

A shift in the weather brought snow for the homecoming dance which was held in the gaily decorated cafeteria. Nancy Lynn, homecoming queen, and her court reigned over the festivities as couples danced to the music of the Library.

1967 Homecoming Queen, Nancy Lynn, smiles radiantly after the game at the dance. Portage Central was proud to have her for our queen this year for Homecoming.

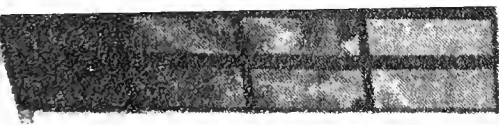


1967 Football Homecoming court from left to right are: Seniors: Judy Perrin, Sheryl McRoberts, and Nancy Lynn, Queen. Juniors: Sue Duncan, and Sue Taylor. Sophomores: Linda Benson, and

Paula Weaver. This lovely court reigned over the victory game with Hackett on November 3. After the game they joined in celebrating at the Hootenanny.

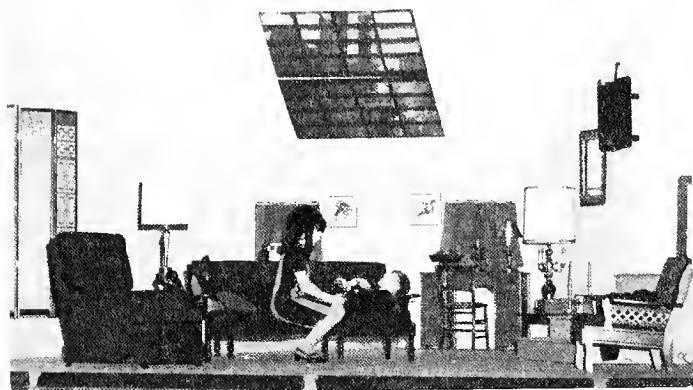


Left: 1966 Homecoming queen, Sue Marsh, crowns Nancy Lynn, our 1967 queen, as Ron Schuring looks on the festivities. Above: Linda Benson, Paul Knoll, Bill Collins, Sue Duncan, Sue Taylor, Greg Cooper, and Larry Witters watch the folk singer at the hootenany after our victory over Hackett.



Top: Bruce Wheatley finds that interfering with family arguments is not a very wise thing to do. Above: A kiss on the hand from Nathan Maston wins Deb Slager's affections in the fall play, "Barefoot in the Park."

'Barefoot' foretells a successful year



Above: Terry Tweedy finds that sometimes married life can be relaxing.

The dramatics department began a successful year with their presentation of Neil Simon's "Barefoot in the Park." It brought to the audience the heart-warming story of a newly-wed couple's trials and tribulations. The cast, consisting of Sandy Centers, Terry Tweedy, Nathan Maston, Deb Slager, and Bruce Wheatley, found the play a lot of hard work, but rewarding. As always, on opening night they suffered from stage fright; but they found their director, Mr. Hoeksema, full of encouraging words. To the critics of PCHS it was a tremendous performance worthy of acclaims to the dramatics department. It was one of the many successes to follow.



Lower Middle: Sandy Centers, portraying Cory, gives her husband Paul, played by Terry Tweedy, a good bawling out; however, it's all in fun. Above: Deb Slager finds that climbing five flights of stairs and the front "stoop" can be extremely exhausting.





'Music and Mistletoe' was the highlight of holiday season at PCHS



The annual Holiday Formal for 1967 was appropriately entitled 'Music and Mistletoe.' The music for formal dancing was supplied by John Stites Band and the mistletoe by the hardworking decorations committee.

The cafeteria was barely recognizable amidst the evergreens, mistletoe, cafe tables, and candles that transformed it into a formal dance. Couples who attended the dance were picked to represent their class on the Holiday Formal Court. Punch and cookies were served by willing Student Council members which also added to the festive occasion.

Left: Paula Stahel and Bob Harbeck, her escort, reigned as queen and king of "Music and Mistletoe." Upper left: Junior members of the court enjoyed refreshments served at the Christmas formal. Far left: A silvery pond and evergreens highlighted decorations at the Christmas formal. Above: Christmas formal court — Karen Dean, sophomore; Lisa Gardner, senior; Tryna Terberg, 1967 graduate; Queen Paula Stahel, senior; Nanci Ritchie, junior; Cheryl Griggs, sophomore; Kathy Braymer, junior.



Above: Fourth row: Mike Murrey, Nilza Secomandi, Tom Jones, Terri Penny, Nancy Derhammer, Kevin Froehlich. Third row: Pete Zoutindyke, Deb Fiebig, Jerri Catron, Larry Ivens, Karen Kreider, Rosit Hosgor. Second row: Scott Newland, Becky Woolrich, Lisa Gardner, Hal Standish, Peg Perrin, Rich Studley. First row: Tom Sheldon, Joan Visker. Right: Smiles radiate as our 1967 Homecoming Queen, Deb Fiebig, crowns our new Queen. Far right: The enthusiastic crowd cheers on our Mighty Mustangs who attained the P.J. Dunn Trophy for the 1968 basketball season.



Festivities enter PCHS life



Portage Central High School students busily prepared for their 1968 Basketball Homecoming against the Portage Northern Huskies. This year's theme was 'Basketball Bounce,' and several festivities were planned around this theme.

Special days during Homecoming week were designed to promote school spirit in preparation for the big league game. Some of the special days students participated in were: white sock day, hat day, slack or bermuda day, old-fashioned day, twirp day. Friday was the traditional Blue and Gold day.

At the pep assembly on Friday, the 1968 Queen and her court were presented to the student body. The formal crowning of King, Paul Enders, and Queen, Joan Visker took place during the half time festivities of the basketball game. Following the game, there was a dance in the cafeteria which featured the "Antiques."

Left: Our royal couple for the 1968 Basketball Homecoming was Queen Joan Visker, and King, Paul Enders.







'The Glass

Menagerie' brings

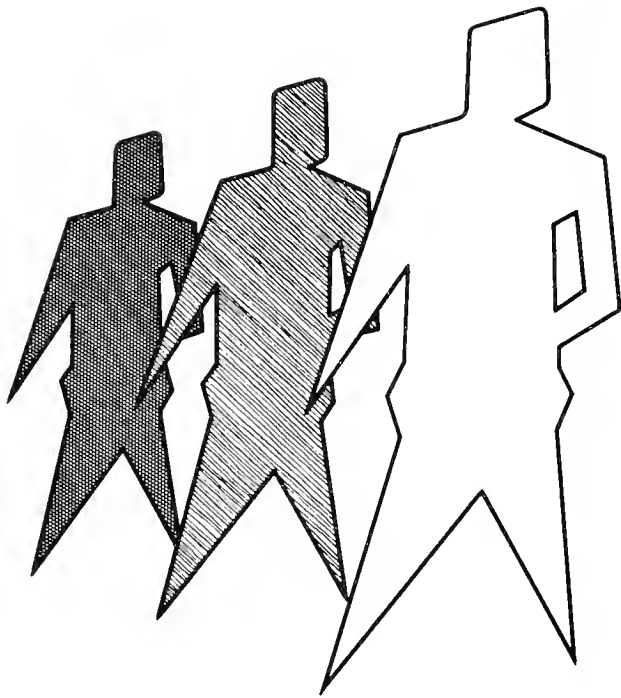
new experiences

in drama to PCHS

The drama department of PCHS displayed fine acting abilities with their presentation of Tennessee Williams' critically acclaimed success, "The Glass Menagerie." In the four leading roles were: Cindy Lewis as Laura; John Zielinski as Tom; Linda Gent as Amanda; and Ron Centers as Jim. With the aid of fine direction by Mr. Fritz Hoekzema, the cast successfully conveyed the inner feeling of the play to the audience. The added depth of the play gave the audience a new outlook to think about, which is unusual for a play presented by a high school.

Far upper left: Tired of his mother's nagging, Tom, John Zielinski, gives his mother, Linda Gent, a verbal lashing. Upper left: Jim, Ron Centers, does his best to draw Laura, Cindy Lewis, out of her extreme shyness. Far lower left: Amanda, Linda Gent, is amazed at her son's belligerent attitude and she sits in shock. Left: Tom, John Zielinski, served as both narrator and character in the play, "The Glass Menagerie."





Underclassmen widened activities

Underclassmen made up two-thirds of the student body and naturally played an important part in school life. Participating in all activities from sports to choir and glee clubs, they did especially well in sports with all the junior varsity teams making good showings and finishing with impressive records. Since PCHS is a three-year high school, the sophomores were the babies needing constant attention which was kindly administered by more experienced juniors and seniors.



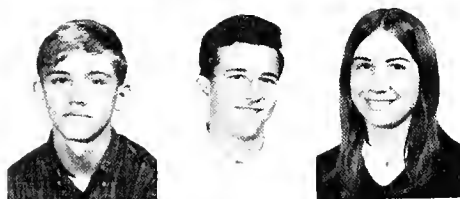


Sophomores found their role at PCHS

Mike Aitken
Paul Akers
Mike Anderson



Stanley Andres
Ken Andrews
Peg Arbuckle



Ron Arbuckle
Lynn Arnott
Sharon Arthur



Ervin Babcock
Elaine Bacon
Lynelle Bailey



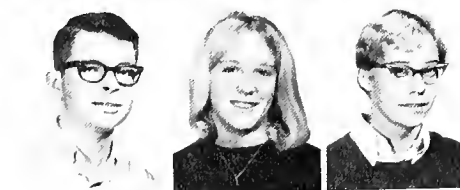
Joan Baker
Craig Barber
Caren Bell



Linda Benson
Barb Berry
Herald Betz



Tom Bickle
Debra Bloomquist
Nancy Blum



Portage Central High School was a new experience to sophomores. But they gradually conquered their fears and went on to be an outstanding sophomore class.

They excelled scholastically as well as in athletics and instilled in faculty and upperclassmen a feeling of faith in the future of PCHS. The sophomores earned a place of their own in our school. They became a vitally necessary part of PCHS in all its facets. Why, what would we have done without our J.V. cheerleaders, our reserve football team, or the junior varsity basketball team, which provided us with so much excitement? That's right — they're indispensable.

An unusual precedent was set this year as the class of '70 received their rings during their sophomore year. This will give them an extra year to wear the insignia of their school.

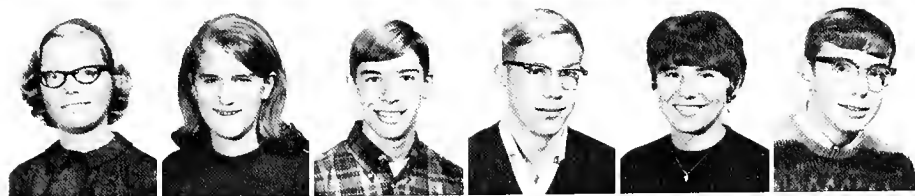




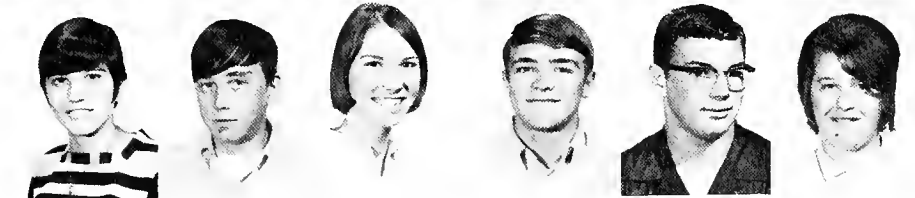
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Jon Bonjour
Mark Bonnema
Mary Bonte
Sandy Borr
John Boyer



Terry Brocker
Denise Brockie
Sandy Brockaway
Ken Brown
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Diane Burch



Diane Byholt
Leanne Campbell
Dan Carlsen
Jack Carter
Shirley Cavanaugh
Ron Centers



Chris Christopher
Mike Clark
Deloris Cleland
Bob Coleman
Don Cosgrove
Rosie Council



First row: Jane Ronfelt, Secretary; Ray Stuut, President; Flo Thole, Treasurer; Mary Wilkinson, Vice-President. Second row: Mark Bonnema, Lynn Arnott, Sue Lothamer, Sue Smith, Yvonne Homoki, Nancy Guillaumin. Third row: Peg Perrin, Rich Studley, Al Smith, George Wood, Paul Akers, Bob Fox.

Kris Coward
Dave Crandall
Dan Cunningham
Dennis Curtis
Rick Daam
Richard Darling



Peggy Davenport
Kathy Davidson
Chris Davis
Brad Day
Karen Dean
Sue DeBault



Robin Denny
Patti DeRyke
Donna DeVries
Pat DeVries
Joann Doornbos
Arlene Douglas



Al Dudycha
Bruce Dunham
Kurt Dunn
Carl Dwire
Richard Egan
Karin Fish



Cheryl Floyd
Bill Fogleson
Bob Fox
Becky Frederick
Bonnie Frye
Cindy Fuller



Below: J.V.'s practice to become experts on the court. Opposite: The sophomore motto is: Hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil.





Nancy Fuller
Jim Fulton
Janice Galbraith
Mike Gallagher
Harry Gibson
Rick Gibson



Jim Goldschmeding
Sally Goodyke
Don Green
Justin Green
Dennis Griffioen
Cheryl Grig,



Mitch Gross
Nancy Guillaumin
Hazel Hacht
Judy Hall
Yvonna Hamilton
Cathy Hammond



Wade Hampton
Beverly Harper
Laura Harrington
Mike Hart
Prentice Hearn
Debbie Heighton



Andi Herr
Sandy Herr
Dick Hiatt
Pam Hill
Judy Hoffmaster
Dave Holdt



Becky Holmberg
Yvonne Homoki
Steve Horn
Dennie Howard
Steve Hughey
Peggy Hull

Bud Hyet
Doug Ivens
Bruce Jarsma



Sue Johnson
Dave Keeler
Mary Kelemen



Tom Keller
Doug Kellogg
Bernie Kerwin



Carol Kiel
Jayne Kinney
Marsha Klimp



Keith Kloet
Pat Kooi
Sharon Kramer



Neil Krealmeyer
Debby Kreider
Kathy Kuiper



Steve Kurtz
Debora Lakin
Rick Langerveld



Sandy Lapp
Steve Largent
Lois Laxton



Sophomore lockers contain books, boots, coats, and the most important ingredient — spirit.



Jeff Lee
Dennis Lemmer
Judi Lesman
Marie Lewis
Sue Lothamer
Vicki Lowe
Steve Lynch



Judy Lynn
Mike McCaslin
Linda McHale
Dave McKinley
Susan McRoberts
Herman Madison
Marlene Marcon



Frank Maston
Dale Matteson
Carol Matuszewski
Pat May
Gary Miller
Vernon Miller
Casey Morell



Candy Morren
Julie Morrison
Denise Morton
Joe Mucha
Henry Mulder
Jim Neale
Kevin Neeb



Kathie Nelson
Rex Nelson
Ray Newhouse
Stuart Noble
Laura Noel
Ginny Northrup
Marsha Nuyen



Dave Ongley
Debby Oswalt
William Overholt
Lance Parish
Jim Parker
Pat Patterson
John Peckels



Carol Pennock
Peggy Perrin
Cathy Peterson
Kerly Phares
Gary Phelps
Jack Phelps
Louise Phelps



Sheri Phillips
Mike Pionke
Lance Poloms
Doug Posthumus
Marcia Posthumus
Tom Pott
Larry Potts

Pat Pritchard
Mike Pryor
Cindy Pyle



Don Quankenbush
Beth Reed
Mike Reese



Lon Reinbold
Janalee Reineke
Brenda Rhoades



Vicki Richardson
Gary Roberts
Larry Roberts



Karen Robinson
Mike Roeder
Carol Rogers



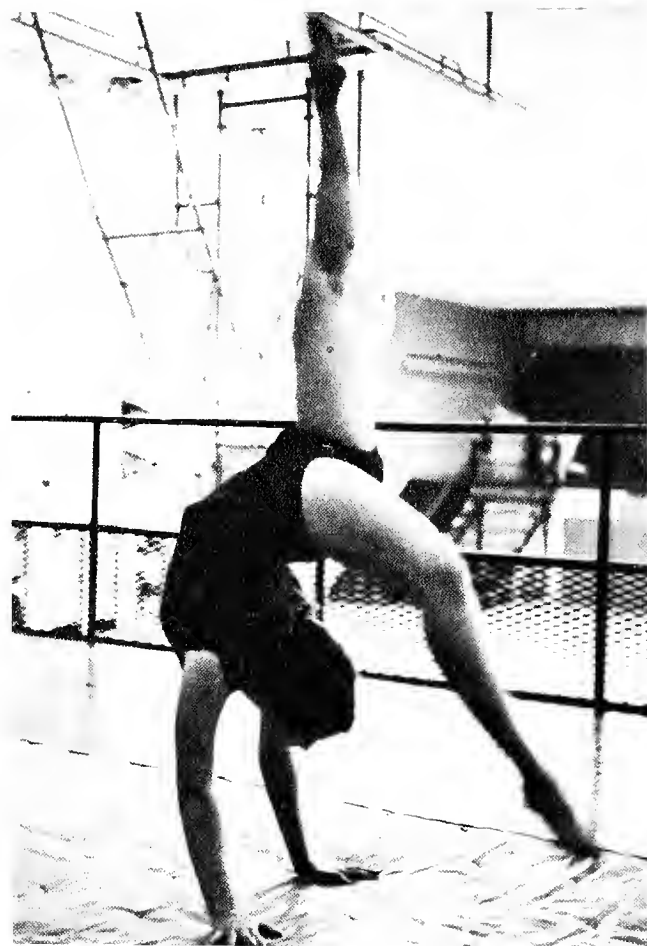
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Margaret Rousch
Judy Roy
Cindy Rozek
Marc Russell
Joe Santek
Kevin Sargent
Jack Schiebergen



Dale Schippers
Helen Schkurko
Carleen Schroeder
Nancy Schurr
Dick Shafer
Marion Shane
Diane Sheeler
Kris Shields



Steve Shirk
Leslie Shriver
Peggy Skinner
Ken Slager
Dave Sleep
Suzanne Smit
Al Smith
Candice Smith





Opposite page: Carol Pennock does a walk-over as part of her exercises to keep in shape for cheerleading. Left: The two most important letters to the sophomore class are "J-V."



Gwen Smith
Julie Smith
Sandy Smith
Tim Smith
Carolyn Snyder
Christine Snyder
Ron Spencer
Jil Standish

Mark Steele
Dixie Stenberg
Gale Stephens
Bruce Sterner
Jim Stewart
Debbie Stokes
Michael Stratton
Barbara Street

Richard Studley
Raymond Stuut
Diane Suterko
Andy TerBurgh
Scott Terpstra
Sharon Terry
Florence Thole
Davina Thompson

Roxie Thornberry
David Trader
Rhonda Triebold



Sally Tunis
Marquella Turner
Mary Tweedy



Terri Tyler
Linda Valencourt
Manual Valladolid



Jim VanderVeen
Ellen Van Gemert
Francis VanMeter



Chuck Vaughn
Shirley Veldkamp
Meredith Verschure



Ira Visser
Ted Vlieg
Bonnie Warfield



Connie Warner
Gail Watson
Paula Weaver



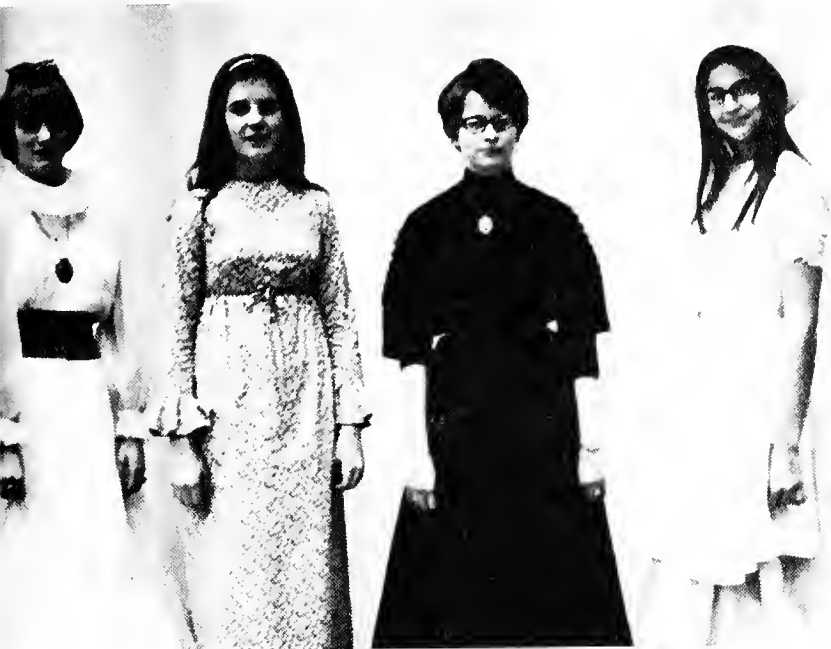
Sandy Weiman
Pat Welch
Larry Wentzel



Jill Standish hopes that an occasional sour note isn't heard above the rest of the choir.



Breaking tradition, the class of '70 receive their rings as sophomores.



Diane Burch, Paula Weaver, Connie Warner and Andi Herr get in the spirit of homecoming week by dressing for old-fashioned day.



Tommi Wheatley
Dave Wierengo
Charles Wiessner



Steve Wilcox
Ann Wilkening
Mary Wilkinson



Stuart Williams
Mike Witters
George Wood



Becky Woolrich
Judi Yerdon
Nancy Yorks



Juniors surged ahead

toward new functions of leadership

The 1967-1968 school year meant a lot to the junior class. This was the year they learned the history of their country and found their place in the future of their school and community. This was also the year in which they received their treasured class rings. But most important to them, this was the year

which served as a testing ground, for next year they would be seniors. They were tested on the athletic field, in the gym, and in the classroom. We think they passed the test with flying colors because the class of 1969 was really, truly fine.

Sue Akers
Jackie Angel
Debbie Antel
Diane Axtell
Peggy Barber
Lynne Barry
Jim Beardsley



Jerry Becker
Sandy Bell
Connie Bennett
Chris Bielski
Dave Bishop
Dave Blakeman
Judy Blodgett

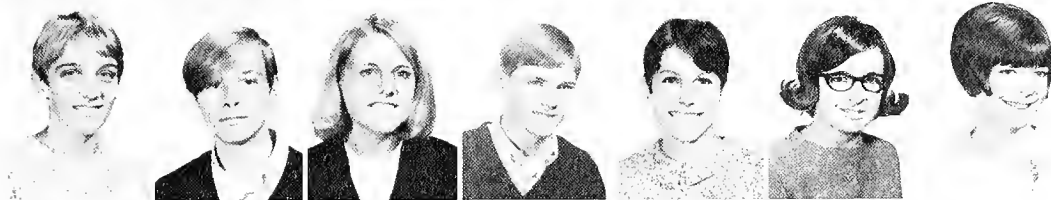




Above: Junior class council, top row: Sue Duncan, Kathy Klomp, Wendy Mickle, Tom Pick, Steve Snyder, Greg Cooper, Jerry Traxler. Second row: Janeen Bongers, Jeanne Ryskamp, Teri Stowell, Sue Akers, Karen Brush, Beth Wilder, Pete LaFreniere. Front row: Mr. Del Thusias, sponsor; Connie Duthie, treasurer; Randy Brown, president; Carole Vanderberg, vice-president; Kathy Bramer, secretary; Mrs Irene Miles, sponsor. Below: Talking is a favorite form of communication.



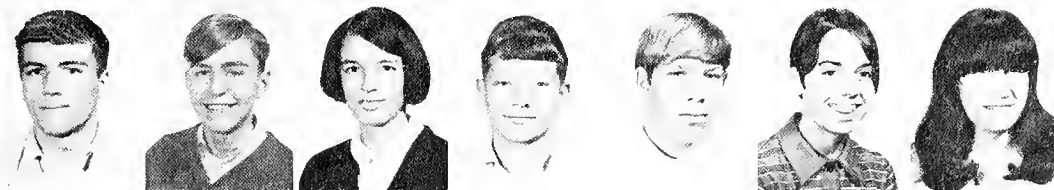
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Kathy Braymer



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Randy Brown
Karen Brush
Janiece Burchfield
Jeanette Burchfield



Pat Carlsen
Renee Carpenter
Randy Castle
Pat Clark
Dick Claxton
Jim Cleworth
Sherry Colby



Bill Collins
Greg Cooper
Linda Cornell
Dave Corstange
Craig Cunningham
Bev Curran
Kathy Davis

Patricia Davis
Terri Dean
Donna DeBault
Judy DeBoer



Jill DeBruyn
Keith Decker
Sharon DeHaan
Pat DeKam



Jill DeMink
Dan Derhammer
Dennis Derhammer
Nancy Derhammer



Sharon Derrick
Bob Desness
Fred DeVries
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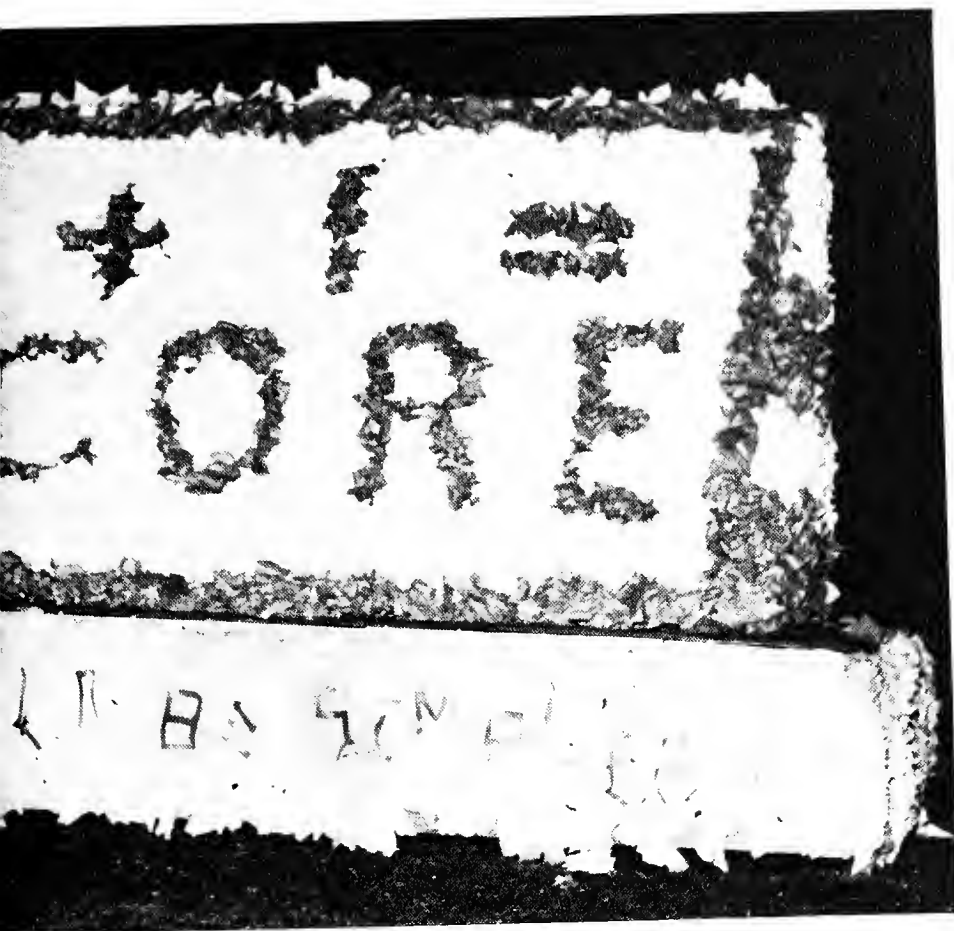


Gary Fish
Linda Fitzgerald
Karen Fogleson
Bob Froman



Gerry Fry
Terry Gallagher
Bette Galt
Carol Garnaot





Juniors have a successful homecoming — Sue Duncan and Sue Taylor represent them on the court. Randy Brown and Tom Pick help build the winning float.



Mitch Garvey
Linda Gent
Lon Gerow
Jeff Gibson



Phyllis Gibson
Colleen Gleason
Ken Glerum
Sue Glowe



Karen Gotautas
John Guetschow
Dennis Harper
Cindy Harrell



Phyllis Harrison
Linda Hartgerink
Cindy Haynes
Sue Hazelhoff
Debbie Hazell
Scott Healey



Gayle Henderson
Julie Henson
Cheryl Hiemstra
Howard Hinckley
Diane Hiser
Jerry Hochendoner



Larry Hoeksema
Dan Hornak
Sue Hummel
Lynette Ickes
Walt Jackson
Sherrie Jancasz





Ernie Jewett
Doug Johnson
Shalene Jones
Tom Jones
Rochelle Kader



John Kakabaker
Sue Kaylor
Steve Kelecava
Mike Kelley
Kay Kersten



Bev Kiel
Dolores Kirby
George Kish
Kathey Klomp
Paul Knoll



Barbara Koning
Mark Kovach
Richard Kovacs
Karen Kreider
Terry Kreider



Bob Kuder
Craig Kulesar
Debra Kulp
Danielle Kuzma
Pete LaFreniere



Upper left: Juniors find that the cafeteria is an excellent place for catching up on the latest gossip. Left: An important factor for success in U. S. History is note-taking.

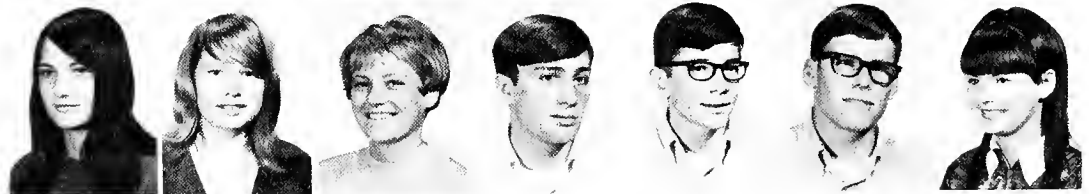
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Dave Longjohn



Peter Lowery
Chuck Lucas
Marjorie Lum
Mary Ann Lupina
Arnold Mackey
Jacqueline Madison
Jim Mahn



Ruth Markley
Gloria Marvin
Sandy Matteson
Elgin Mattheis
Dick McIntyre
Steve McKinley
Sherry Medlen





Above: Bette Galt and Ken Glerum both believe they have the right answer. Opposite: It's a proud day in a junior's life when he receives his class ring.



Carol Melson
Jeff Mendham



Gary Meschke
Sue Meyers



Marcia Michael
Wendy Mickle



Chuck Miller
Janice Miller



Mary Morton
Mike Murry



Jeff Mutz
Tom Nap



Don Neale
Sue Needham
Dave Neeser
Kathy Neeser
Tom Nelson
Judy Newbre
Larry Newhouse



Wanda Nichols
Dick Nixon
Sue Noland
Denny Nyitray
Penny Olday
Sandy Ormanovich
Marcy Paul



er right: Even the girls participate in this sport. Above: Spirited juniors find pep assemblies the best place to cheer the team. Above right: Enthusiastic juniors help cheer Mustangs on to victory.

Brenda Pearson
Bob Peck
Terri Penny
Paul Peterman
Tom Pick
Greg Pilbeam



Linda Plyley
Jackie Posthumus
Debra Quake
Norm Quinn
Rosie Randall
Pat Ray



Barb Rickard
Nanci Ritchie
Keith Ritter
Mike Roberts
Stanley Rawlinson
Larry Rose



Bob Roselip
Marvin Rousch
Carin Rudge
John Russell
Jeanne Ryskamp
Ron Sage





Jeff Sampson
Bill Sanders
Marcie Schell
Phyllis Schippers
Karen Schmidt



Bonnie Schug
Jack Schuring
Jim Scranton
Jeff Sears
Linda Sehy



Val Seuss
Dave Shakespeare
Bob Shane
Harry Sibert
Deb Slager



Cathee Smetana
Jack Smith
Marilyn Smith
Suzanne Smith
Brad Snyder





*Above: Connie Duthie illustrates that concentration is a requirement for success in every class.
Lower right: Juniors worked hard at the concession stands during football homecoming.*

Steve Snyder
Candace Sorrentino
Pat Sossoman
Sue Spears
Marvel Spencer
Danny Stafford
Kathy Stafinski



Connie Steele
Kirk Steele
Phillip Stenberg
Jayne Stevens
Linda Stevens
Derek Stewart
Lynn Stiemsma



Teri Stowell
Diana Sullivan
Sandy Summerville
Gail Switzer
Gary Taplin
Bryce Taylor
Jack Taylor





Jean Taylor
Sue Taylor
Sharon TenBrink
Doug Terpstra
Beverly Thornton
Pat Tindall



Dyan Titus
Susan Todd
Jerry Traxler
Robin Treibold
Janette Trombley
Bonnie Valencourt



Rebecca Vandenberg
Carole Verderberg
John Vanderploeg
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Dan VanSweden
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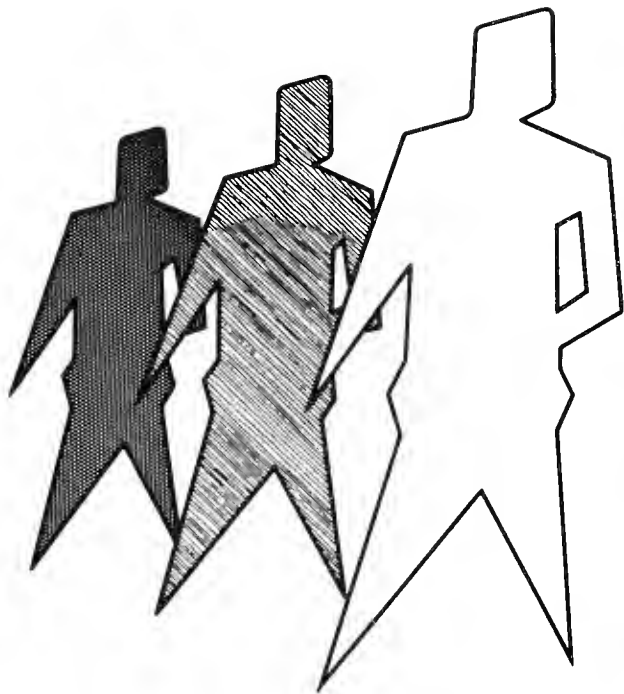


Pat Walker
Brenda Warner
Dan Wentzel
John Wielhouwer
Beth Wilder
Jackie Wilson



Vickie Wilson
Larry Witters
Roseann Wolfe
Phillip Wood
Richard Wright
Joanne Zielinski

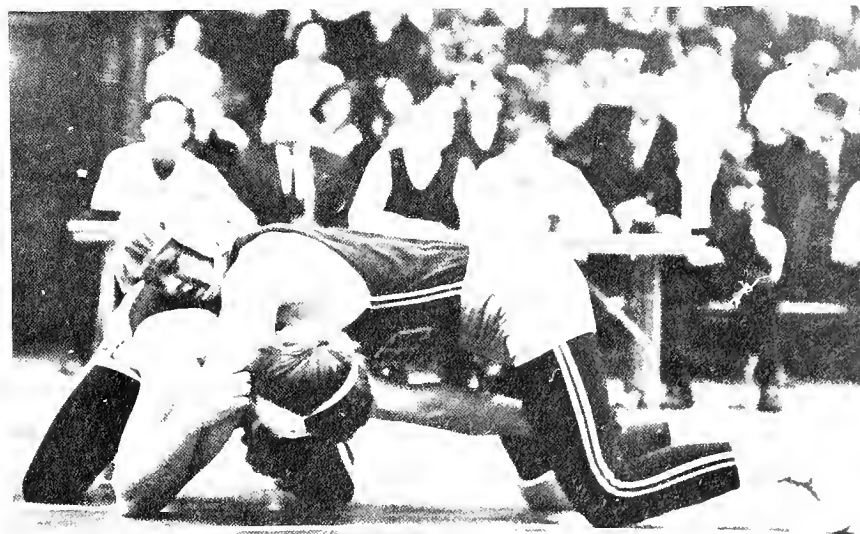




Sports
developed character
as well as ability

The athletic teams of Portage Central High School grew last year. They became bigger, better, and stronger. More important, the individual athletes grew with the teams. They developed morally, physically, and mentally as a result of their participation. Athletes learned the meaning of defeat, but they found that they are never truly defeated if they keep trying. They also learned the meaning of victory, honor, and ability. In learning these things members of the teams grew in character and become better all-around people. We at PCHS feel that this is the real purpose of sports.

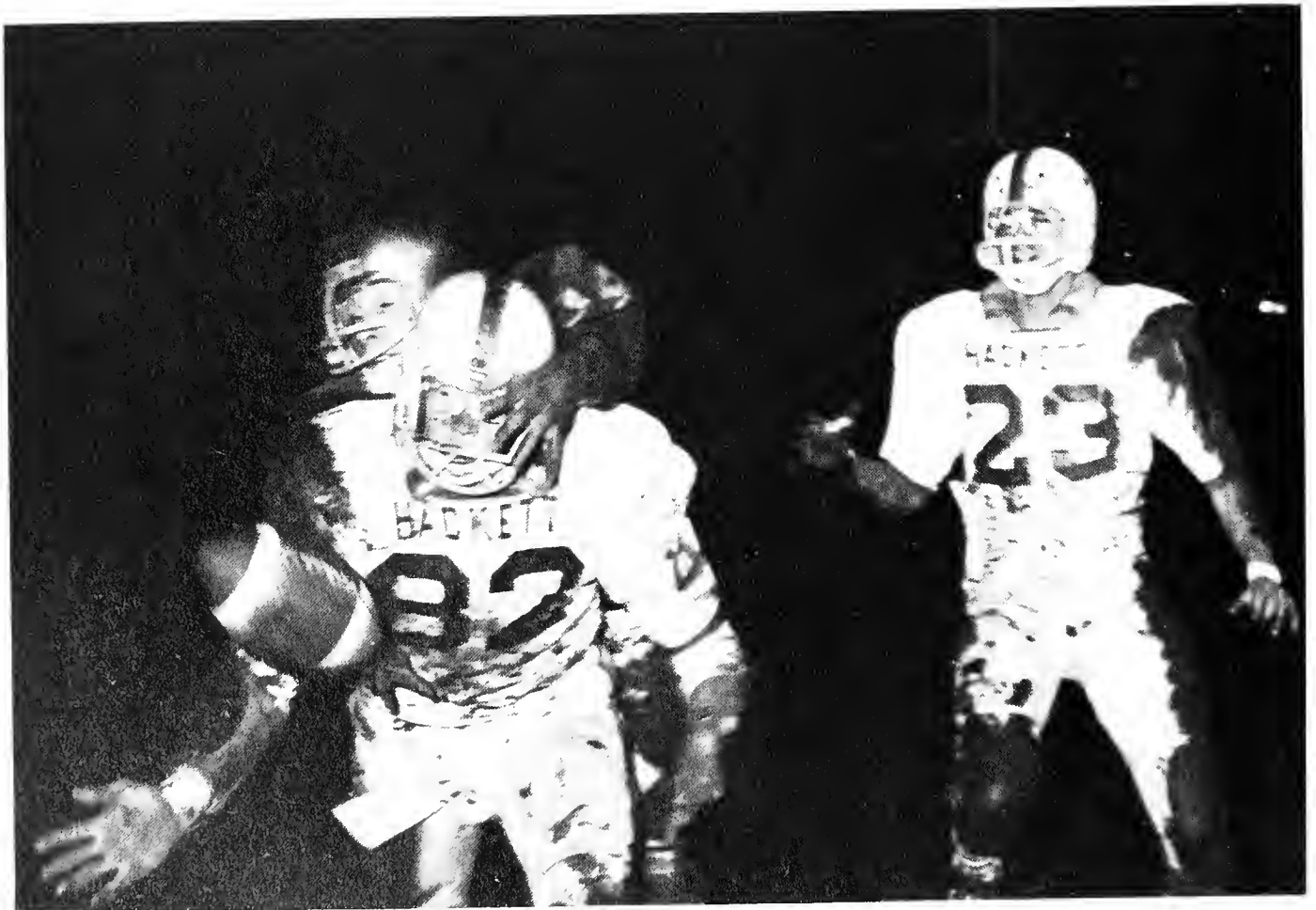




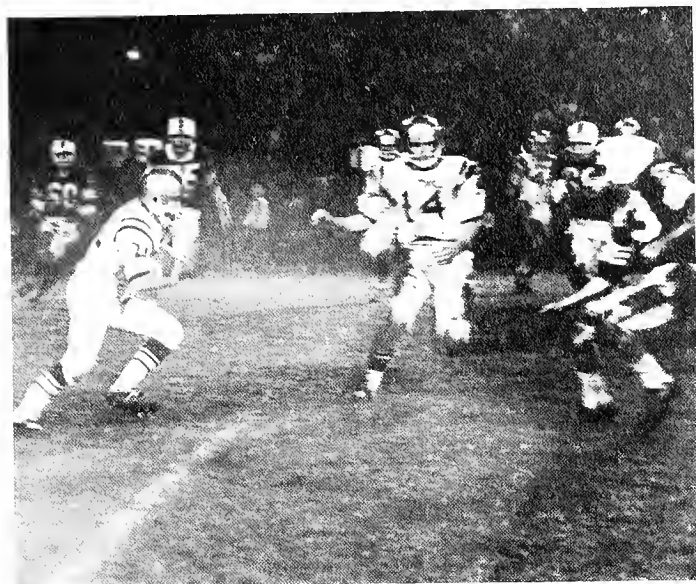


First row: Steve Goodrich, Bill Layton, Bruce Zegerius, Jim Clapper, Klancy Mack, Brent Bailey, Tom Roe, Larry Holben, John Fisher, Gary Beaudoin. *Second row:* Dick Bishop, Bob Ferguson, Bill Walter, John Wielhouwer, Jerry Carveth, Hal Standish, Dave Moeller, Dave Baker, Larry Jackson, Dave Upson,

Doug Vliek, Chuck Lucas, Tom Pick. *Third row:* Don Neale, Dick Claxton, Keith Ritter, Dave Bolhuis, Terry Gallagher, Randy Castle, Mike Murry, Jim Beardsley, Dan Hornak, Tom Morren, Steve McKinley, Jim Scranton, Dave Corstange, Jeff Mutz, Gary Meschke.

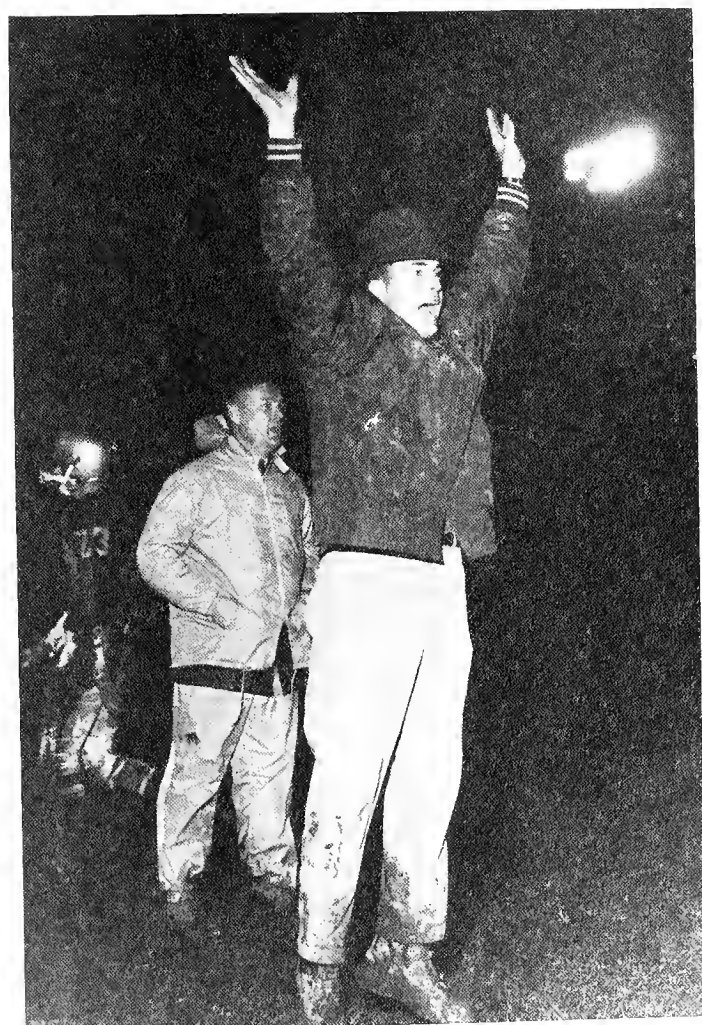


Pride sparked Mustang gridiron drive



Pride. This one word depicts what our team stood for. Everyone on the team did his best, and doing one's best is the most important thing there is. When they were on the field, they gave all they had and did the job.

Our Mustangs only had a record of 1-8, but they were coming on strong in the end. They developed and improved steadily, pushing their opponents all over the field in the last three games. They suffered the loss of co-captain Tom Roe early in the season when he dislocated his shoulder. The other co-captain, Brent Bailey, had an outstanding season, starring on both offense and defense. Halfback Gary Beaudoin was voted "most valuable player," while the efforts of John Fisher earned him the title of "most improved." Junior students Tom Pick and Bob Ferguson were elected co-captains for the upcoming season.



VARSITY FOOTBALL

PCHS	Opponents	
6	K. Central	32
6	Battle Creek Lakeview	26
7	Jackson	37
0	Dowagiac	28
6	Northern	31
13	Loy Norrix	42
7	St. Joseph	14
13	Hackett	7
0	Niles	7

Far left: Gary Beaudoin breaks up a pass play against Hackett in our homecoming victory. Near left: Coach Tom MacKenzie illustrates our rising school spirit as the Mustangs score the winning touchdown. Top left: Gary Beaudoin is about to clear the way for fellow teammate, Mike Bielski, during the game with Northern.



Front Row: Tom Lenard, Joe Mucha, Frank Maston, Gary Roberts, Ken Guillaumin, Bud Hyet, Mike McCaslin, Paul Akers, John Boyer, Mark Bonnema, Ken Andrews. Second Row: Mike Stratton, Jim Neale, Jim Goldschmeding, Jim Fulton, Casey Morell, Steve

Horn, Bob Fox, Rich Egan, Kurt Dunn, Doug Posthumus, Scott Terpstra. Third Row: Chuck Wiessner, Dave McKinley, Jon Bonjour, Don Cosgrove, Rich Studley, Robin Denny, Mike Pryor, Dave Wierengo.

JV success promised a sound future



Sophomore Steve Horn covers his man during the game with Niles.

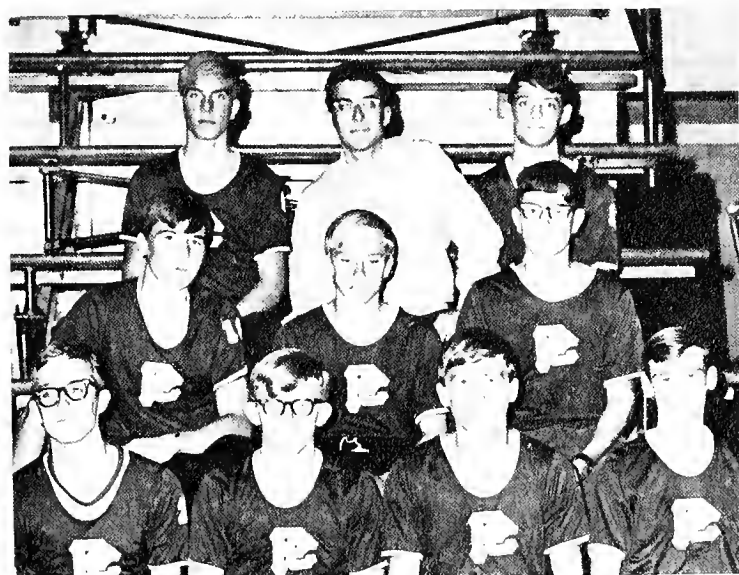
The J. V. football team had an improved record of 2-6-0 this past year. All of the team members developed skills during practices and games. The boys gained valuable experience as a result of their efforts. They will be putting this newly gained experience to good use when they become members of the varsity team next year.

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

PCHS	Opponents	
12	K. Central	33
12	B.C. Lakeview	0
19	Niles	32
28	Dowagiac	7
9	Northern	28
15	Loy Norrix	21
13	St. Joseph	20
7	Hackett	13



Above: John Bambacht takes 2nd place in the Big Six Conference meet.
Below: Front row: Mitch Garvey, John Bambacht, Tom Nelson, Andy La Freniere; Second row: John Ongley, Jim Kelecava, Jerry Traxler; Third row: Jim Mahn, Coach Kiser, Herman Nadison.

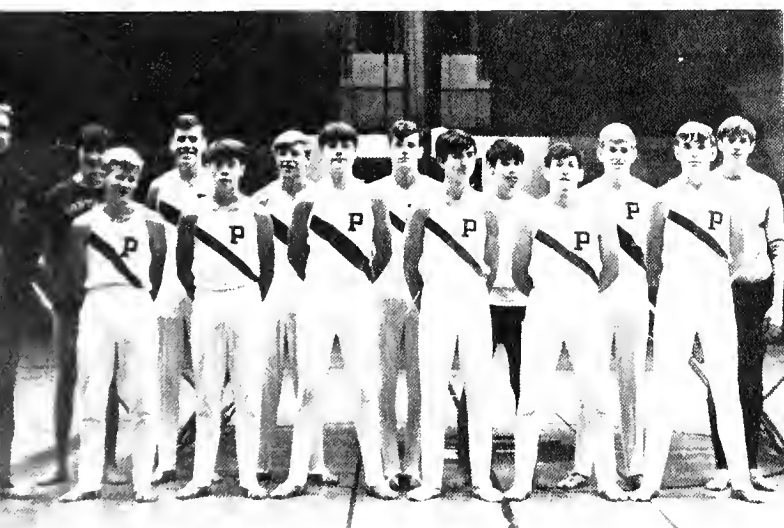
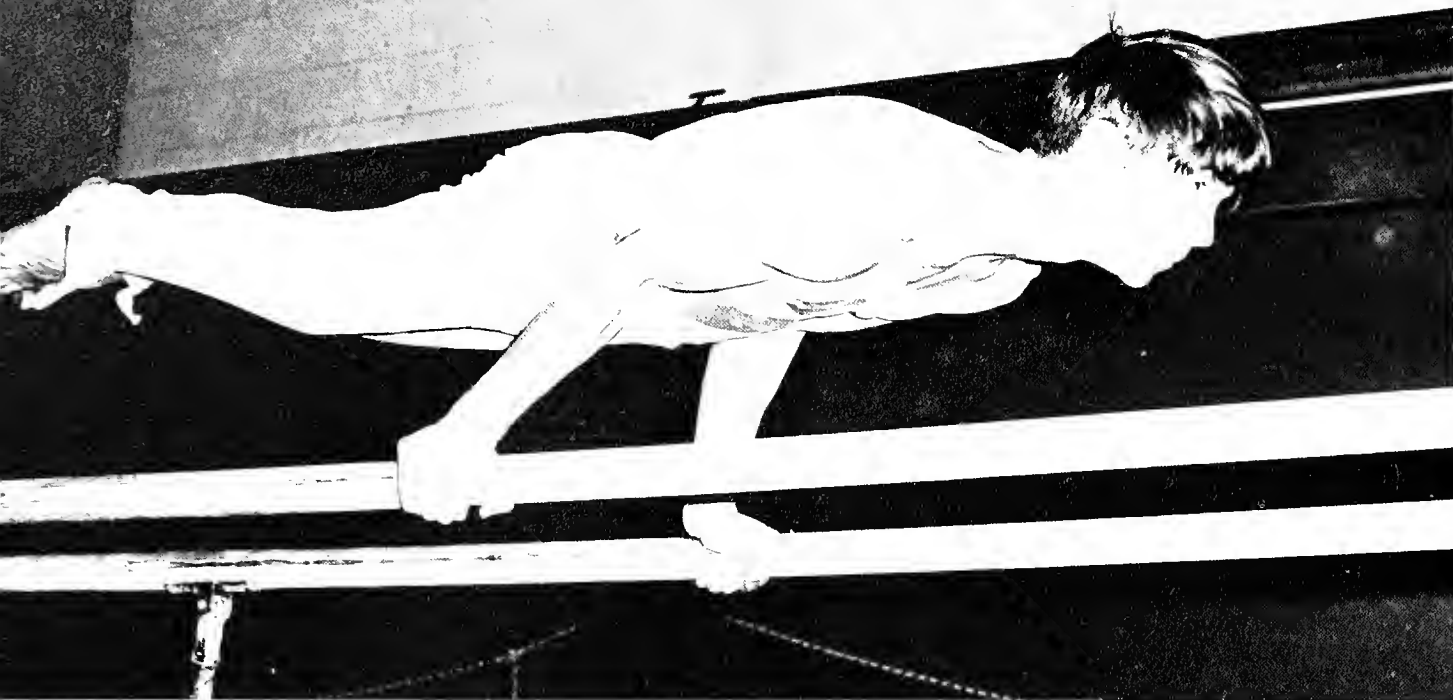


Cross country burned up opponents in dual and invitational meets

If you happened to see a heavily clad figure jogging down the street at some odd hour, day or night, you need not have been shocked. It was probably one of our nine Varsity Cross Country men. They ran at all hours and in all weather getting and staying in shape for their various meets. Piloted by their new coach, Bob Kiser, the cross country team had a successful season, placing third in the Big Six Conference. They also finished high in the many invationals in which they competed. The team worked to make PCHS proud and indeed we were. Students attended the meets, making cross country a spectator's sport.

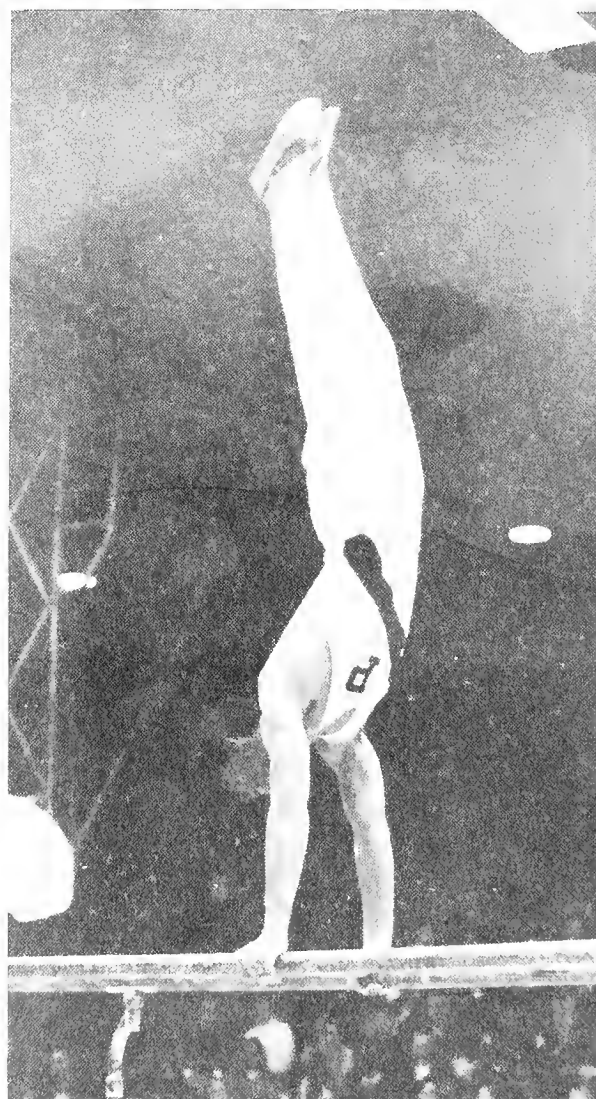
Varsity Cross Country

PCHS	Opponents	
26	B.C. Lakeview	27
19	Niles	39
41	Loy Norrix	20
28	Northern	29
32	St. Joseph	25
30	Vicksburg	25
18	Dowagiac	37
28	Lawton	27
4th	Kalamazoo	Inv
5th	Sturgis	Inv
5th	Albion	Inv
3rd	Conference	
*Lowest Score Wins		

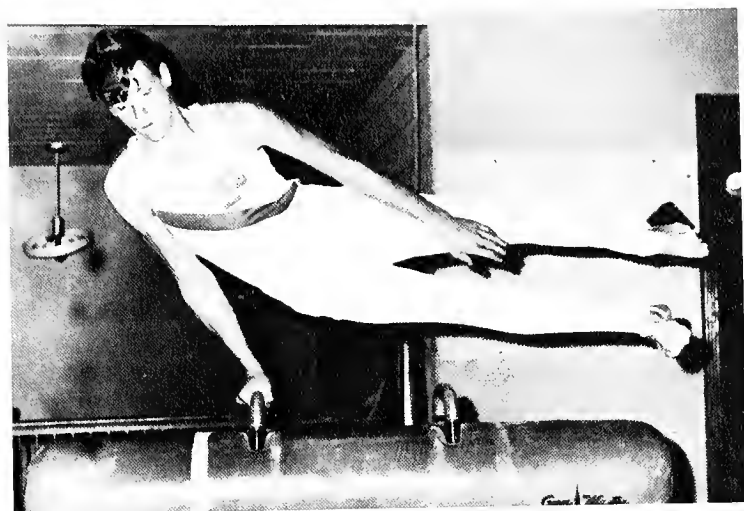


Front: Coach Scheibner, Lon Reinbold, Richard Nixon, Lance Parish, Mark Steele, Larry Johnston, Ron Centers. *Back:* Mike Gallagher, Mike McGee, Ken Brown, Fred Meyers, Stu Williams, Dave Shakespeare, Tim Matheson, Mgr.

Above: Mark Steele performs a lever on the parallel bars. *Right:* Before a good-sized crowd, Mark Steele does a handstand on the parallel bars.



Gymnasts strived to attain perfection



"Practice makes perfect" was the motto for the gymnastics team this year, and in the end it paid off. Competition was keen throughout the dual meet season, and they managed to win only once. However, our "never-say-die" gymnasts toughened up in the big meet. Led by Dick Nixon and Fred Meyers, the team took a strong fourth place in their conference, beating out both Hillsdale and Grand Haven. In spite of the loss of two valuable seniors, co-captains Larry Johnston and Fred Meyers, the hard-working gymnasts have high hopes for next season.

GYMNASTICS

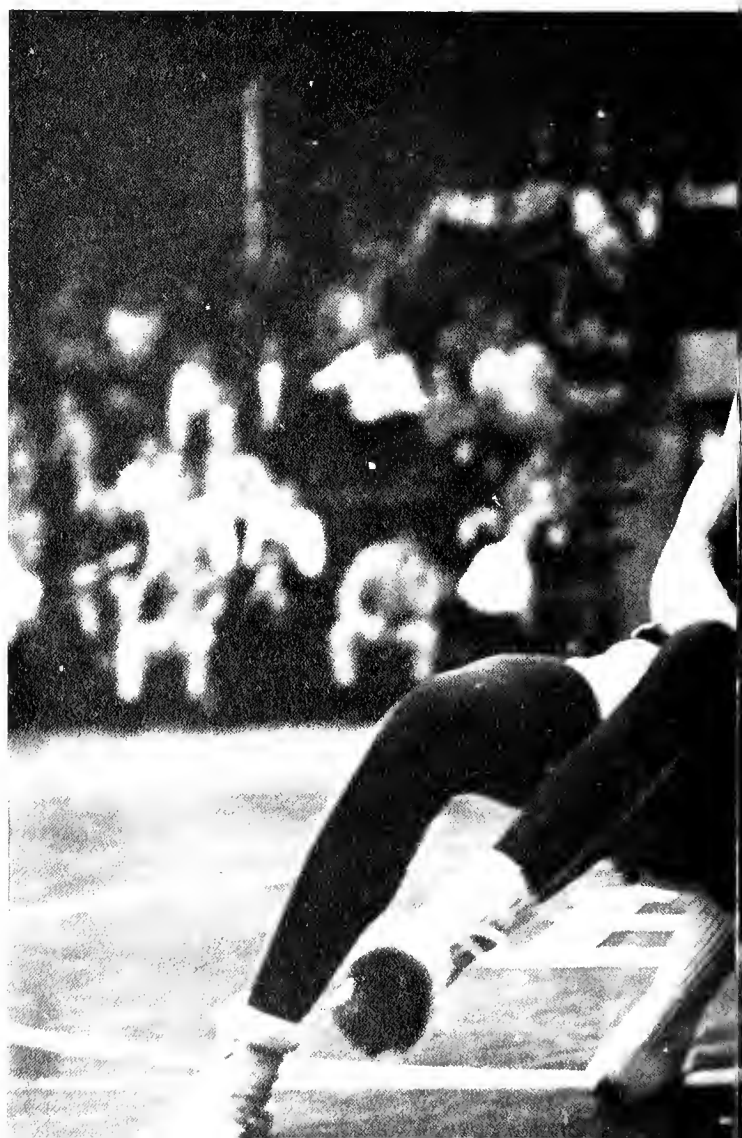
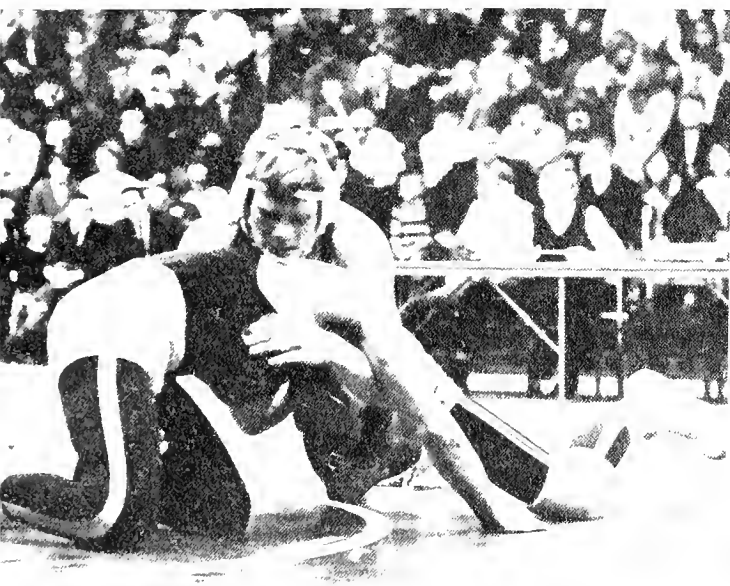
PCHS	Opponents	
6th	Northern Invitational	
26½	Northern	101½
40	Ionia	88
46	Wyoming Rogers	82
49	Grand Haven	79
39½	Northern	88½
67	Hillsdale	61
38	Ionia	90
55	Hillsdale	73
51	Wyoming Rogers	77
59	Grand Haven	69
4th	Conference	



Top: Fred Myers practices his routine on the side horse.
Left: Stu Williams spots as Randy Peck works on the trampoline during an early season practice.



Wrestling team



Upper left. Members of the varsity congratulate Rich Studley after a fine match. Upper right: Joe Mucha crossfaces his opponent during the Otsego match. Lower left: Steve McKinley fights hard for the takedown. Lower right: Senior, Tom Tweedy, succeeds in reversing his Otsego opponent.



First row: Coach Peterson, Frank Maston, Mgr., Al Dudycha, Pete La Freniere, Jerry Hochendoner, Steve Snyder, Tom Tweedy, Joe Mucha, Steve McKinley, Coach Clark. Second row: Terry Tweedy, Al Smith, Bud Hyet, Tom Pott, Jim Fulton, Jack Carter, Dan Wentzel, Harold Betz, John Fisher, Dan Hornak, Gary Kaylor, Dave Upson, Rich Studley, Art Harmon, Don Cosgrove.

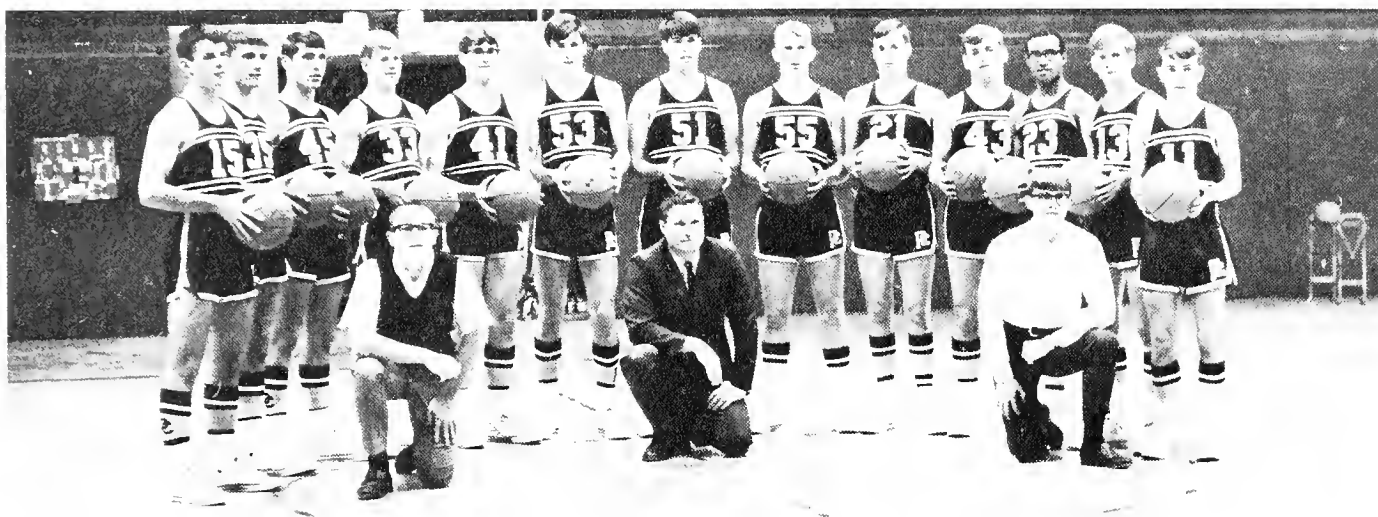
improved steadily



Portage Central's varsity wrestling team knocked off five teams and tied one this season while the J-V's posted a promising 8-4 record. Practicing daily under the leadership of Coach Peterson and Coach Clark, the team became a respected power, especially after easily defeating one of the top-ranked teams in the state. Although the squad will be hit hard by graduation, the upcoming talent of the underclassmen and freshmen should make up the loss.

VARSITY WRESTLING

PCHS	Opponents	
7th	Kalamazoo Invitational	
14	Otsego	27
30	Marshall	19
7th	Hastings Invitational	
19	Norrix	25
26	Dowagiac	21
41	Vicksburg	13
6	Niles	38
11	Kalamazoo Central	33
20	Dowagiac	20
9	Portage Northern	31
26	Three Rivers	18
11	Galesburg	35
5th	Conference	
34	Allegan	13
15	Norrix	30

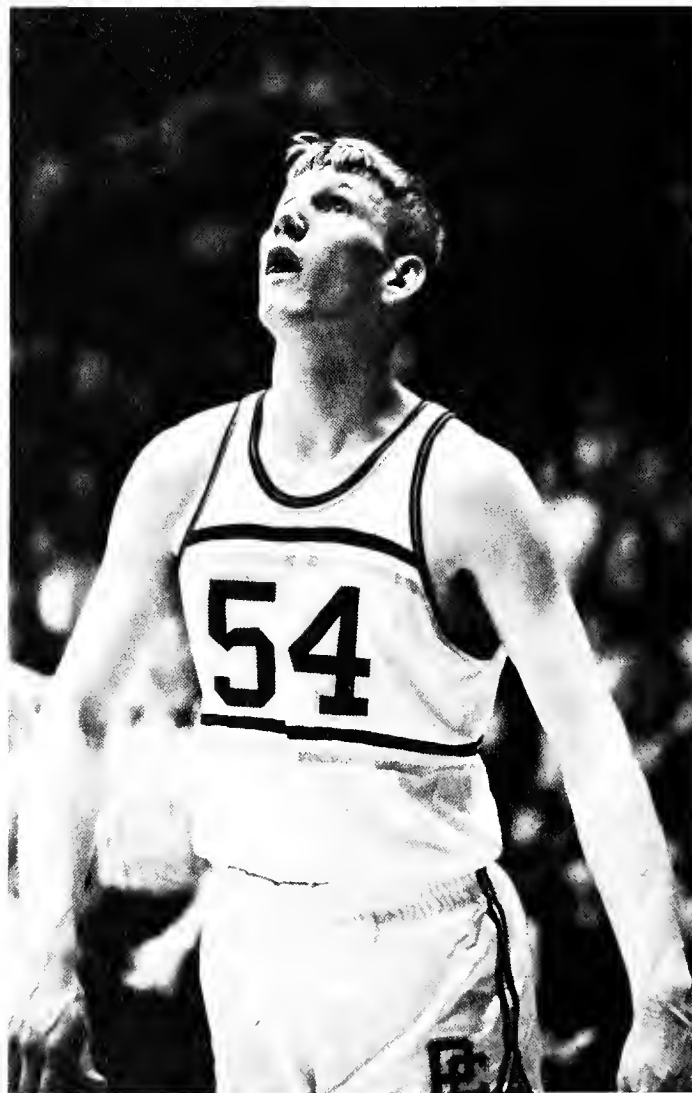


Kneeling: Gary Meschke, mgr., Coach Michael, George Kibler
 Standing: Larry Kulesar, Bill Collins, Doug Vliek, Jack Schuring,

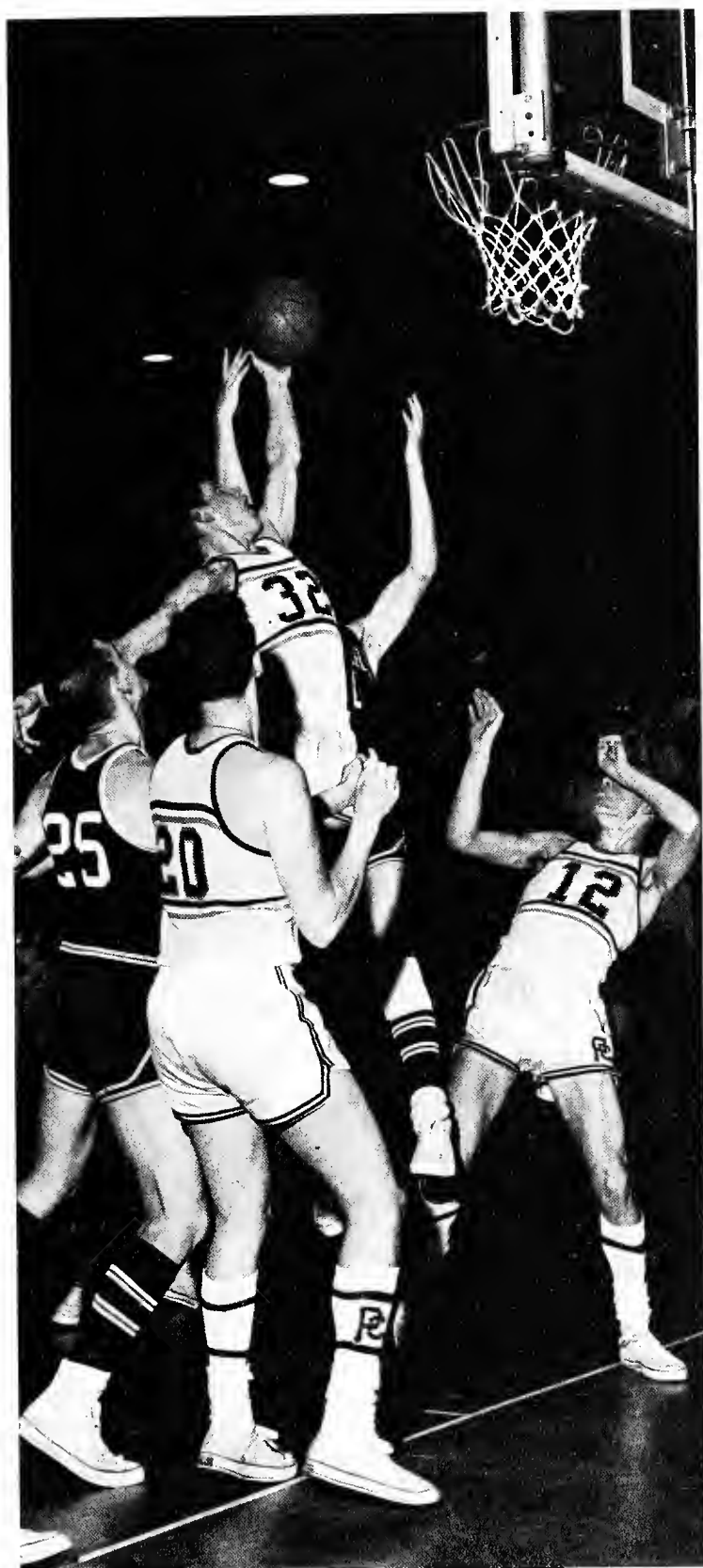
Jim Beardsley, John Ongley, Mike Slater, Paul Enders, Mike
 Shriver, Bob Ferguson, Jamie Horn, Tom Pick, Dave West.



Above: During a time out, Mustangs gather around Coach Michael to review their strategy. Near right: Center, Paul Enders, watches intently as teammate's free throw swishes the net. Far right: Junior, Jack Schuring, goes high for a rebound against the Huskies from Northern in the Homecoming game.



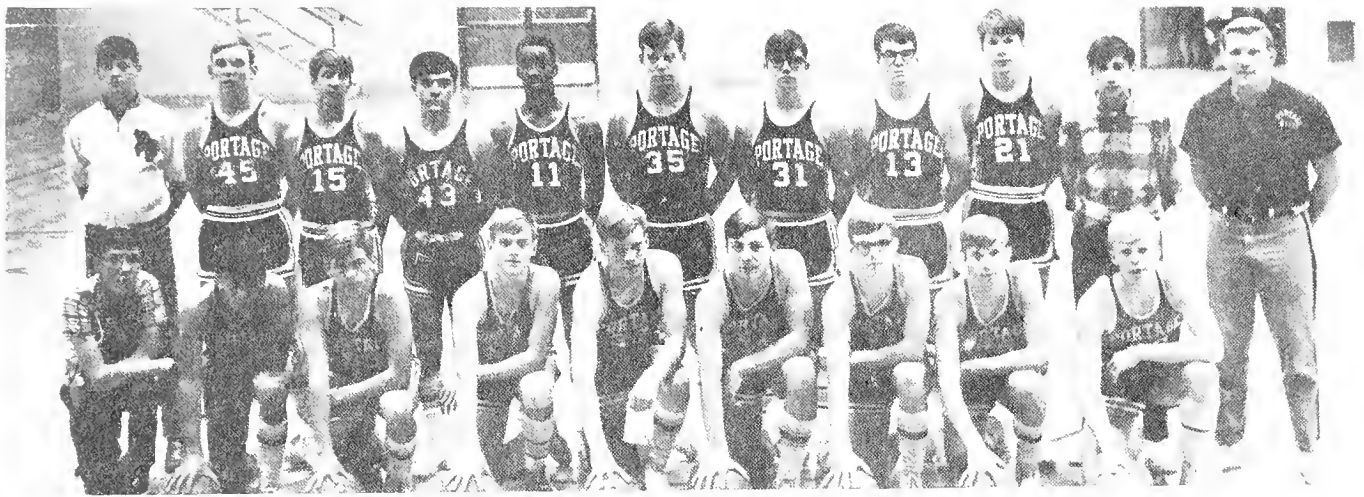
Basketball squad took second place



This year our mighty Mustangs, led by their very able coach, Mr. Michael, captured second place in the Big Six Conference while retaining possession of the P. J. Dunn trophy for the third straight year. It was also a year for individual honors, as three of the varsity team were selected to the Big-Six All Conference team. They were: Most valuable player and captain, Larry Kulscar, center, Paul Enders, and guard, Jamie Horn. Clearly it was a good season for the men of the basketball team. Although the team is losing the services of eight seniors, there will be five returning lettermen next year, including Jack Schuring who grabbed the most rebounds during the season and Jim Beardsley who was voted the most improved player for the third straight year.

VARSITY BASKETBALL

PCHS	Opponents	
62	K. Christian	54
88	St. Joseph	70
62	P. Northern	51
7th	Kalamazoo Invitational	
80	Dowagiac	56
73	Niles	61
67	Loy Norrix	75
59	Vicksburg	71
72	St. Joseph	80
54	P. Northern	59
74	Gull Lake	62
103	Dowagiac	73
65	Niles	51
80	B. C. Lakeview	56
70	Loy Norrix	51



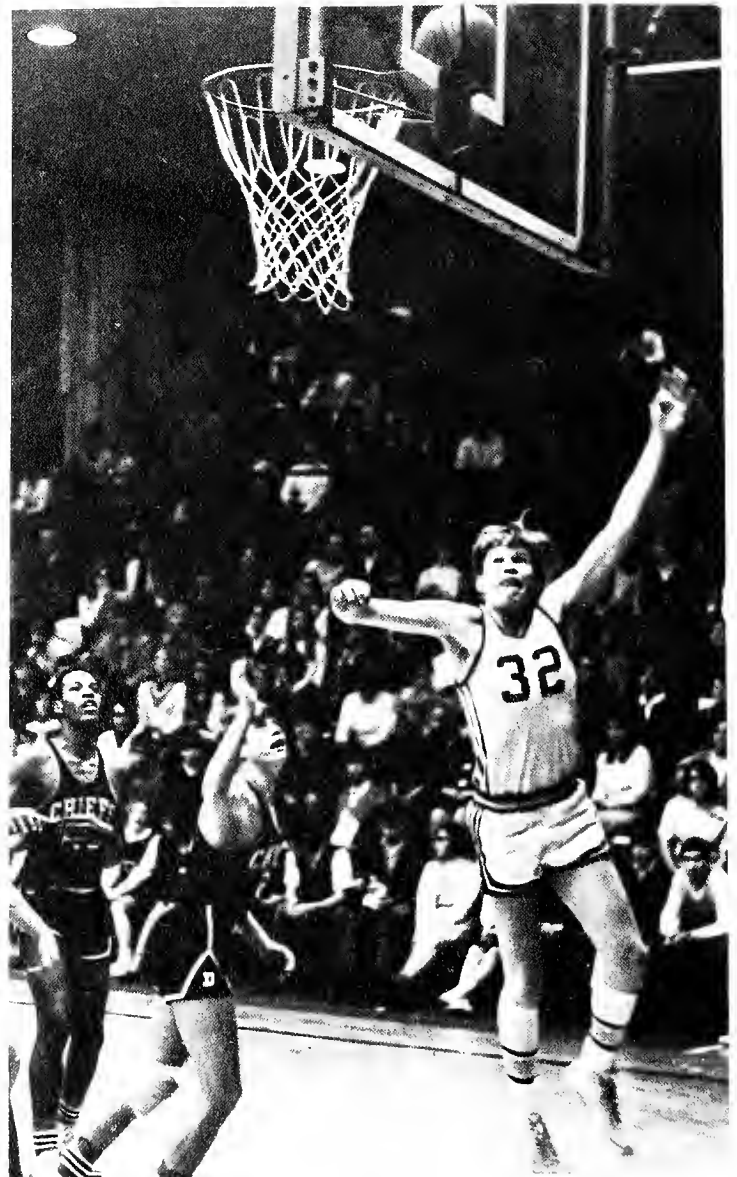
Front: Steve Lynch, Mike Hart, Mark Russell, Chuck Wiessner, Dave McKinley, Robin Denny, Doug Posthumus, Jim Vander-Veen, Scott Terpstra. Back: Herman Madison, Jim Goldschmed-

ing, Tom Pott, John Boyer, Steve Horn, Jim Fulton, Dennis Lemmer, Jon Bonjour, Dave Ongley, Ken Guillaumin, Coach Johnson.

J.V. BASKETBALL

PCHS	Opponents	
56	Kalamazoo Christian	58
67	St. Joseph	60
67	Portage Northern	68
49	Portage Northern	57
73	Kalamazoo Christian	69
64	Dowagiac	35
72	Niles	76
38	Norrix	60
58	Vicksburg	57
68	St. Joseph	48
52	Portage Northern	45
66	Gull Lake	51
76	Dowagiac	41
52	Norrix	51
74	Niles	85
51	Battle Creek Lakeview	46

Dave McKinley goes in for a tie-breaking layup against the Dowagiac Chiefs.



PCHS sports were successful



Judy DeBoer practices her backhand in preparation for the upcoming season.

Front: Lynnelle Bailey, Sandy Brockway, Gail Woodhams, Nilza Secomandi, Jill DeBruin. Back: Sue McRoberts, Sandy Suterko, Peggy Perin, Judy DeBoer, Debbie Slager, Pam Boyer.



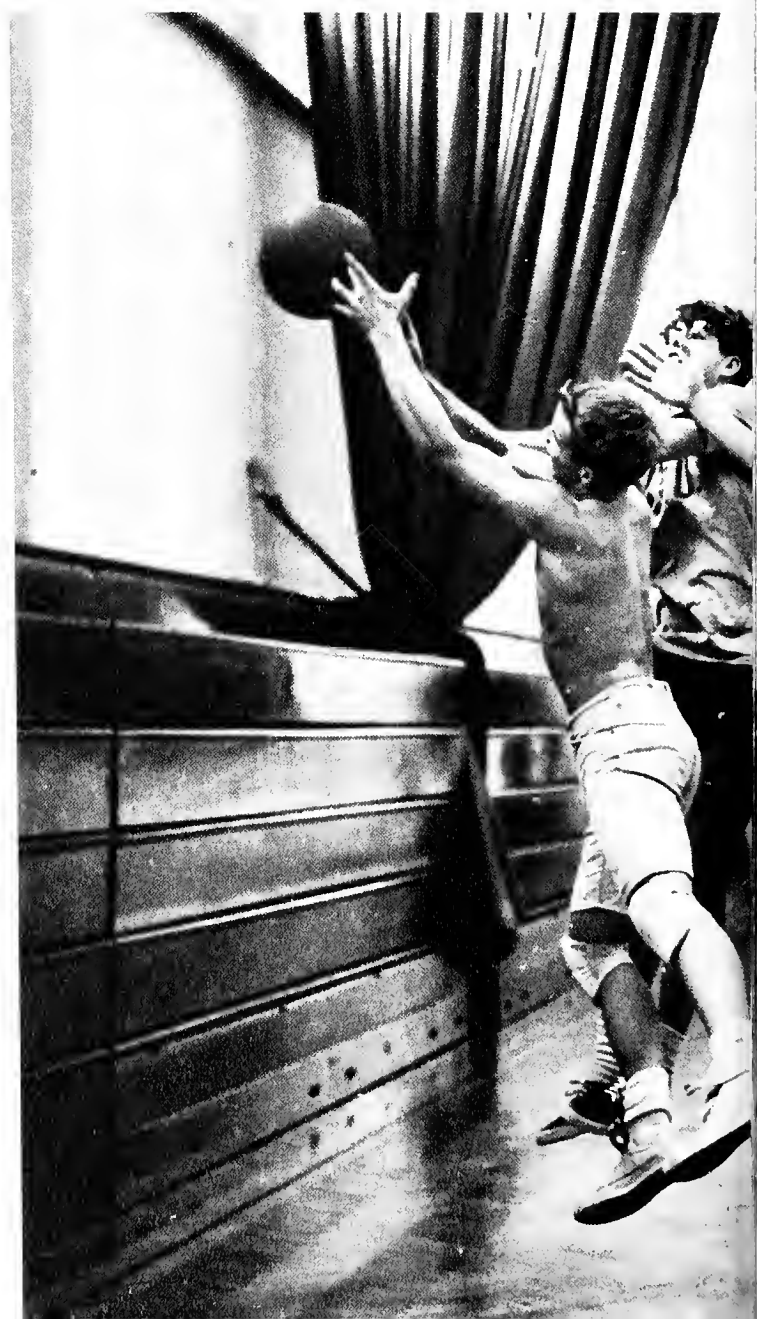
The efforts of the girls' tennis team were hampered last fall by poor weather. However, after-school practice was held in the gym and remaining matches were played in the spring. Members competed with each other for positions, as well as meeting outside competition. With all but two returning, 1968-69 team should be strong.

Under the superb guidance of Coach Johnson, this year's JV basketball team came on strong, winning 7 out of their last 8 games. They finished with a highly respectable 10-6 record; but, more importantly, they will offer much talent to our varsity squad next year.

GIRL'S TENNIS

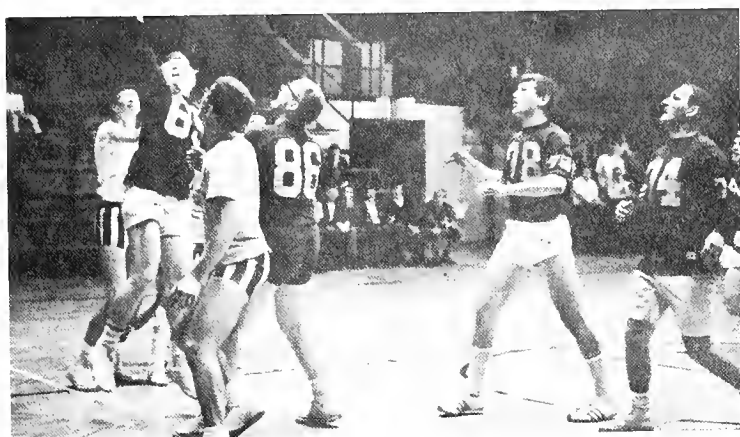
PCHS	Opponents
Won	Portage Northern
Won	Comstock
Won	Vicksburg
Lost	Portage Northern
Won	Comstock

*Rained out games to be played in the spring.



Above: Hal Standish saves the ball from going out of bounds during intramural play. Above right: Terry Kreider guns from 20 feet out as Marvin Roush looks on. Right: The battle for the rebound takes place beneath the baskets in a typical intramural game.

Intramural stars triumph over faculty

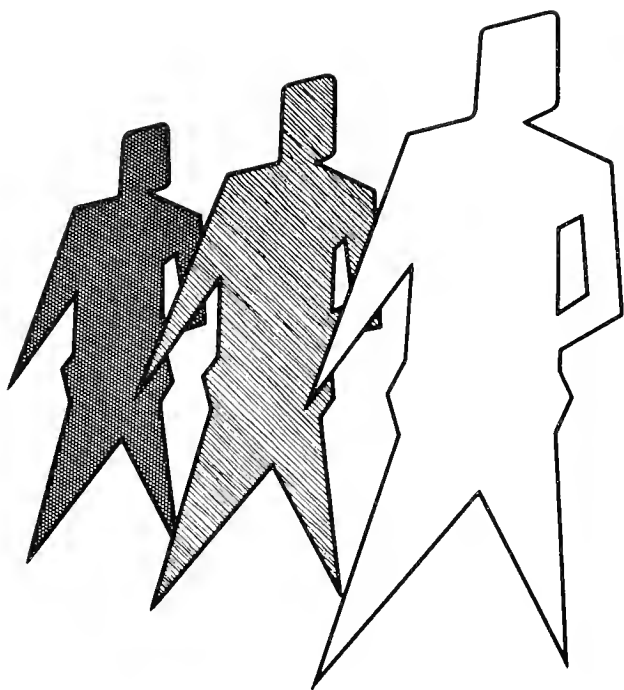


This year intramural basketball was one of the most popular activities for athletes not involved in winter sports.

There were six teams this year: the Pussycats, the Raiders, the Bunyans, the Beavers, the Quails, and the Stompers. They competed for the intramural championship and the right to play the faculty. The game between the All Stars and the Pussycats, who were intramural champions, was the highlight of the program. Hard fought all the way, the Pussycats finally edged the faculty by one point, 54-53.



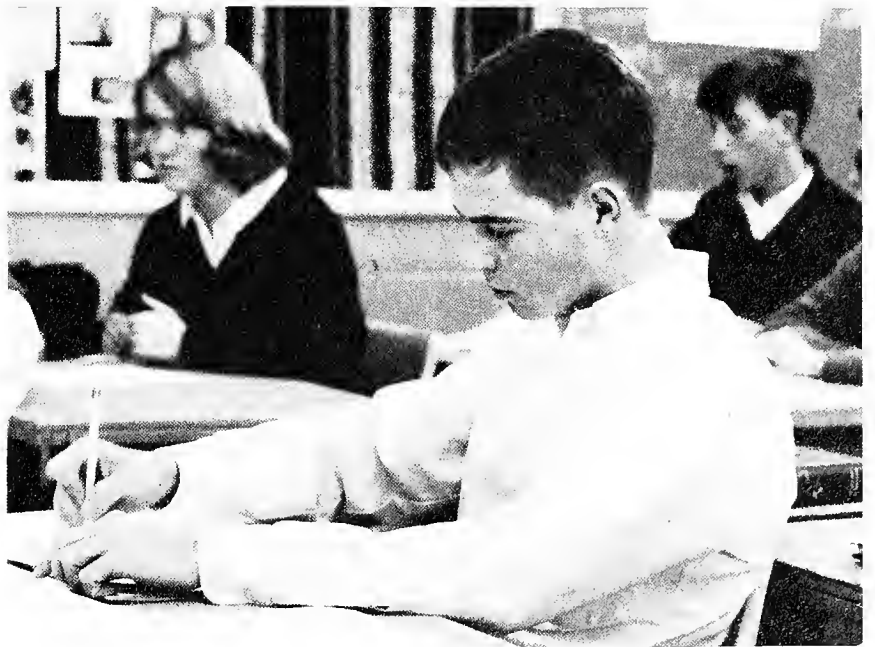
Above: Bill Nix drives in for the layup as intramural stars Brent Bailey and Tom Roe and faculty players Stan Mizinski and James Pellowe watch for a possible rebound. Upper Left: Roy Johnson and James Pellowe battle it out under the boards with Marvin Roush and Tom Roe.



Seniors served as examples to underclassmen

During the past school year, seniors grew and matured as a result of everything they did. Whether they were having fun at a dance or debating in student council, they served as examples to the rest of the student body. Because the seniors are the leaders in every school, they must set this good example; and luckily they had past experiences to guide them. The senior year was also a year of decisions. Not only daily decisions such as "Should I wear my green skirt or my plaid one?" arose but also the all-important major decisions like "What do I want to be?" or "What college shall I attend?" Hopefully, seniors had matured enough to make wise decisions. The senior year at PCHS involved maturity, fun, decision-making and learning.







Diane Abbott



Jackie Andrews



Pam Antel



Shirlie Archambault



Debbie Arenz



Brent Bailey



Dave Baker



John Bambacht



Pam Bartholomew



Eleanor Bates

First row: Lynette Werkman, Brent Bailey, Barb Posthumus, Mr. Tyler. *Second row:* Lisa Kibbey, Diane Abbott, Bernie Blasch, Jerri Catron, Lewie Roberts. *Third row:* Jo Woolrich, Eleanor Bates, Mike Madison, Doug Vliek, Pat Thomas, Nancy Leipold.





Nancy Beach



Gary Beaudoin

PCHS's class of '68 *crosses the bridge* *to the future*



Mike Bielski



Cheryl Birkhold

As class of '68 we found ourselves busily involved in extra-curricular activities during our last year at PCHS. Some activities were not new; homecoming, plays, games, clubs, and student government. Others were solely for senior participation; senior night, senior tea, and preparation for graduation.

As graduation drew nearer, we looked back on our short three years at PCHS. Through our studies and activities we gained knowledge and experience never to be set aside but to be put to use in future life. The transformation to adulthood had begun, the preparatory years had been completed. We reached the middle of our bridge — the bridge to the future. We were crossing from the security of high school to the exploration of a new and larger world of college, career or marriage.



Pat Birkhold



George Bixler



Bernie Blasch



Janice Blodgett



Linda Blum



Doug Bohjanen



Steve Borr



Tom Bouma



Pam Boyer



Janice Brady



Dave Braymer



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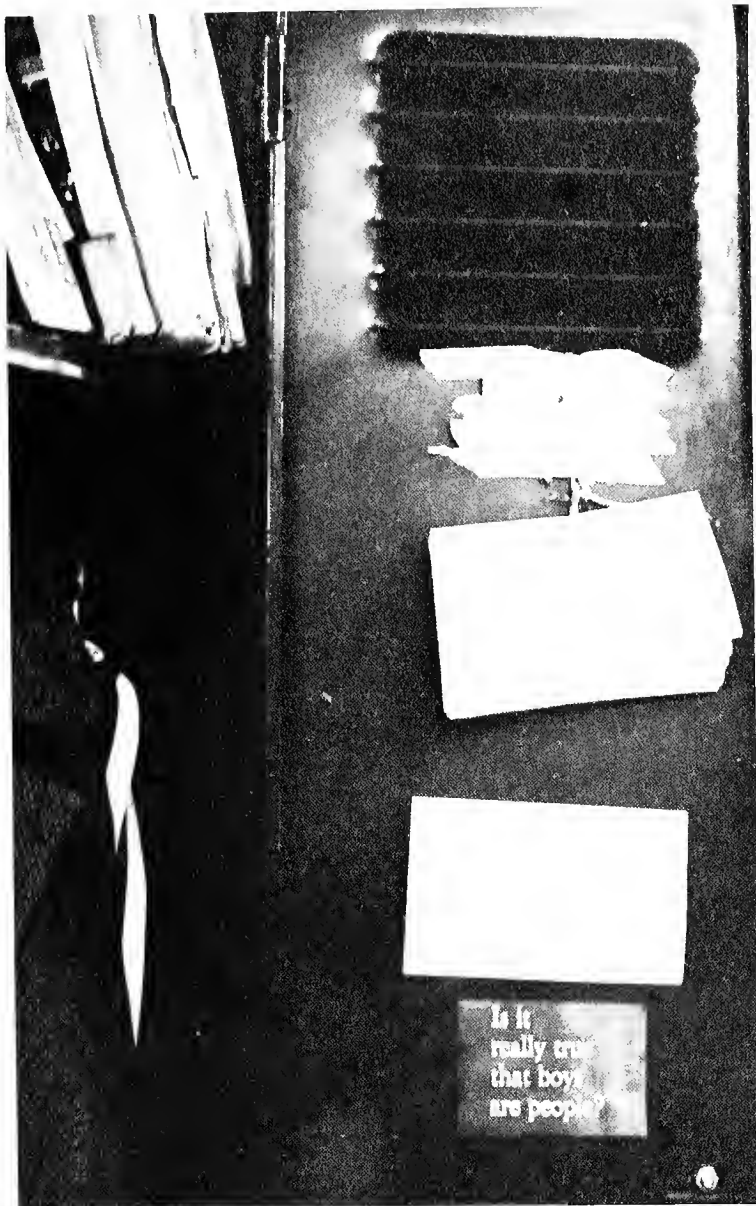
Sandy Cavanaugh



Sandy Centers

Homeroom is a busy place as seniors discuss future plans, fill out the inevitable forms, and decide on the details of graduation.

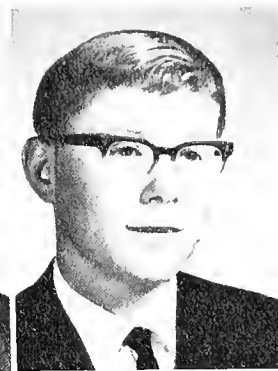




Jan Magerman keeps a close watch on the number of days until graduation.



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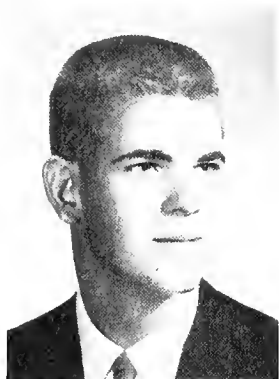


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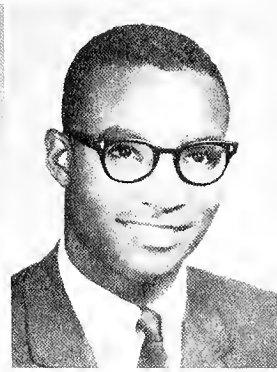
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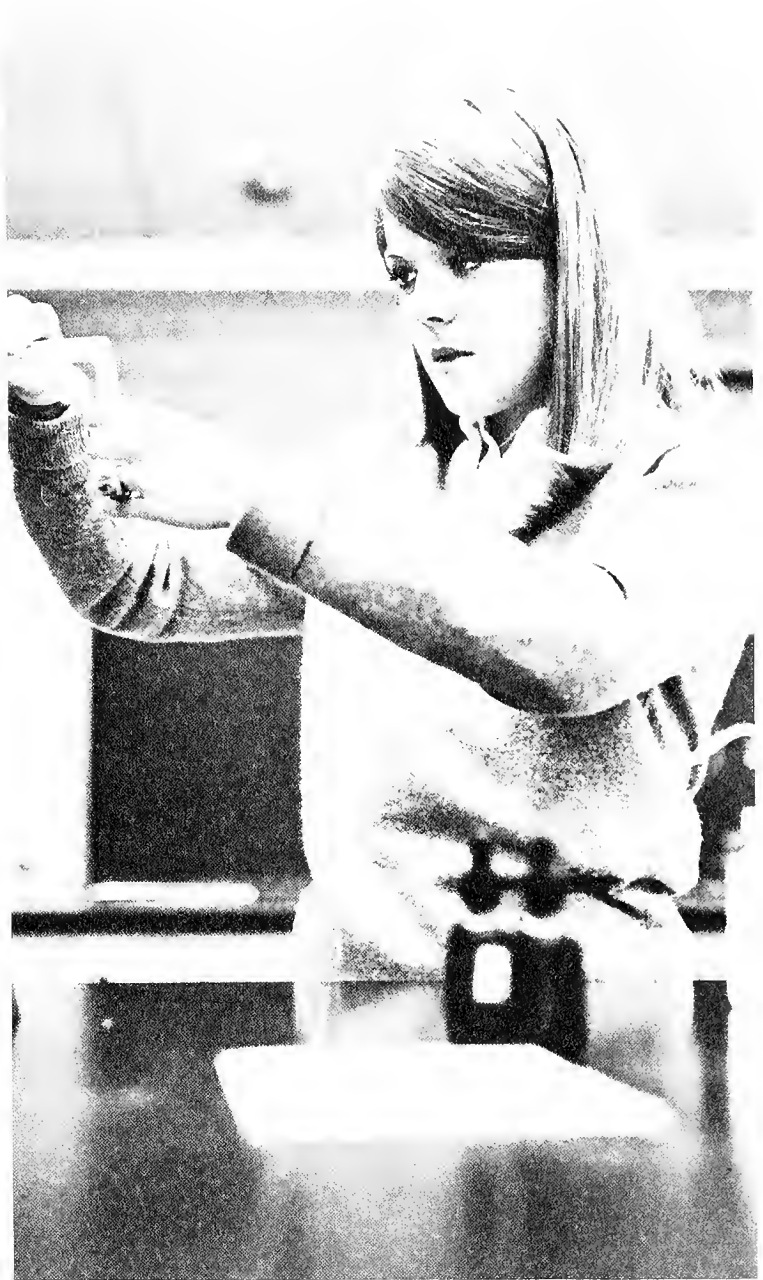
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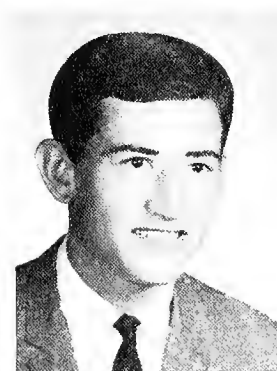
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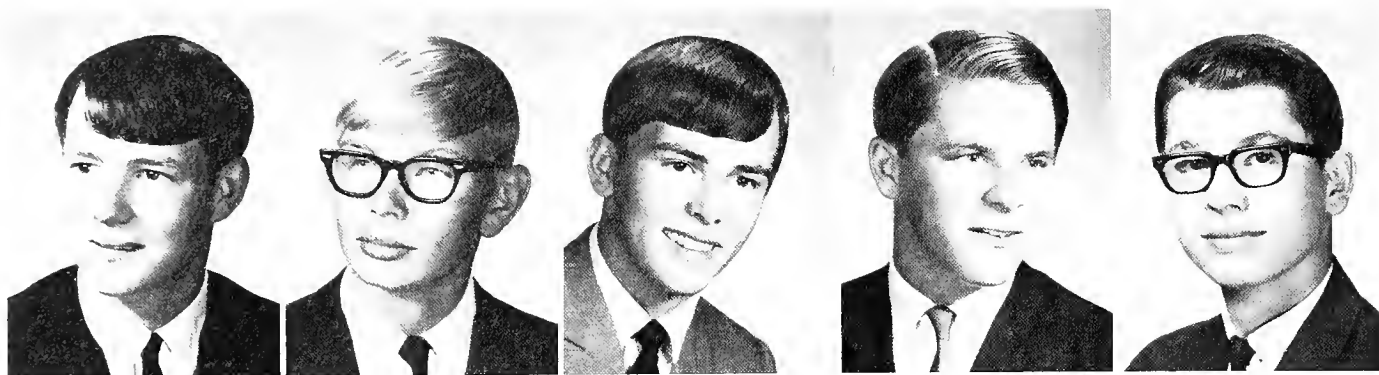
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Above: Looking at senior pictures while in class became an efficient technique for Carol Pott and Barb Posthumus. Right: On the booster bus seniors rally to the cause of cheering their team on to a victory.



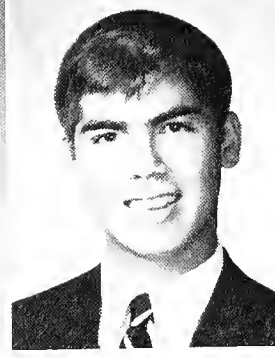
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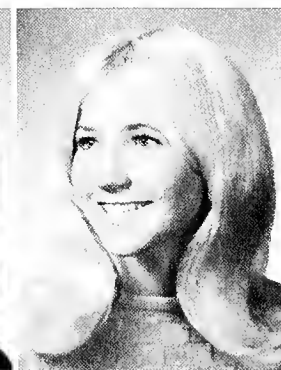
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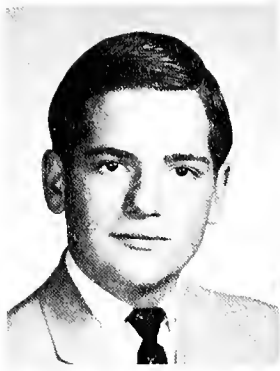
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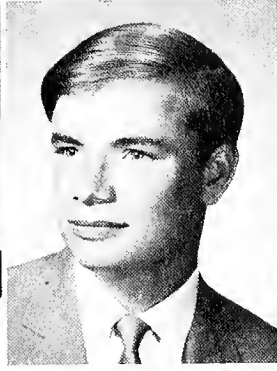
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Lewie Roberts, Tom Roe, and Tim Schau readily absorb the vast amounts of knowledge which confront them as they listen to their government teacher.



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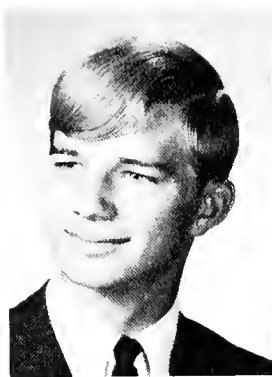
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Fred Meyers



Above: Seniors have to decide on color for their caps and gowns. Below: Bill Layton and John Terry find that Seniors must use much of their time for study.



James Meyers



Richard Meyers



Dave Miller



James Miller



Dave Moeller



Cathy Morren



Linda Morrison



Geneva Mucha



Dennis Nederhoed



Dara Neeb

Seniors eat a hearty meal in order that they might have the strength to participate in many activities.

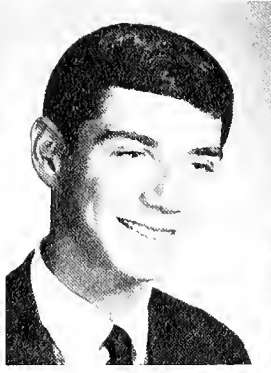




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Judy Perrin



Chris Perry



Dru Perry



Kris Popp



Sharon Porter



Barb Posthumus



Carol Pott



Janice Potts



Janet Powers



Rita Pratt



Mark Prey



As one becomes a senior, he must give up many of his past habits, like eating during his lunch hour, in favor of cramming for a test.



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Robin Reva



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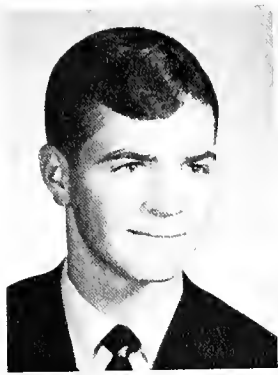


John Schram



*Above: Seniors jam the halls to exchange the latest gossip before rushing to their next class.
Below: Eleanor Bates finds government extremely interesting (?)*





Roger Schultz



Nilza Secomondi



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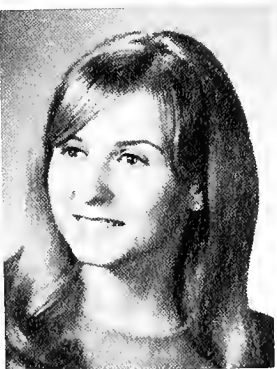
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Paula Stahel



Joyce Stamm



Harold Standish



Greg Steele



Wolf Stromberg



Sandy Suterko



Wearing the graduation cap, the pep jug symbolizes the vigorous spirit of each member of the senior class.



Eleanor Szatkowski



John Terry



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Kathy Thomsen



Cheryl Titus



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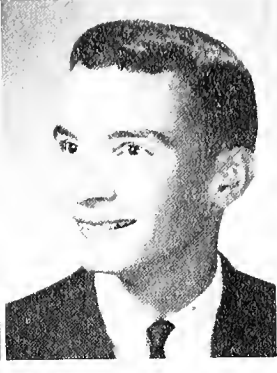
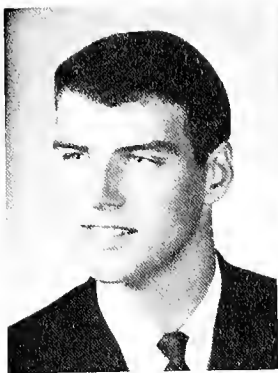
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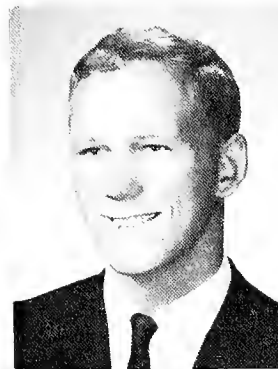
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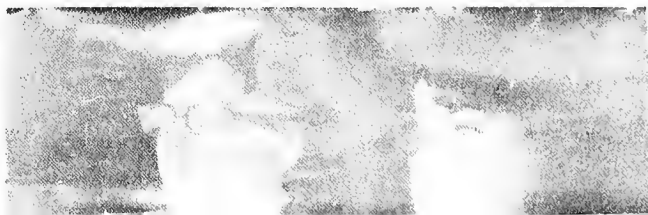
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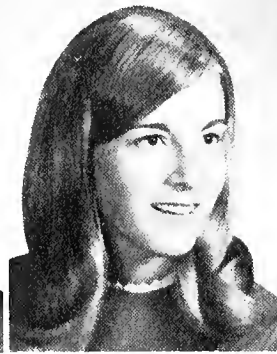
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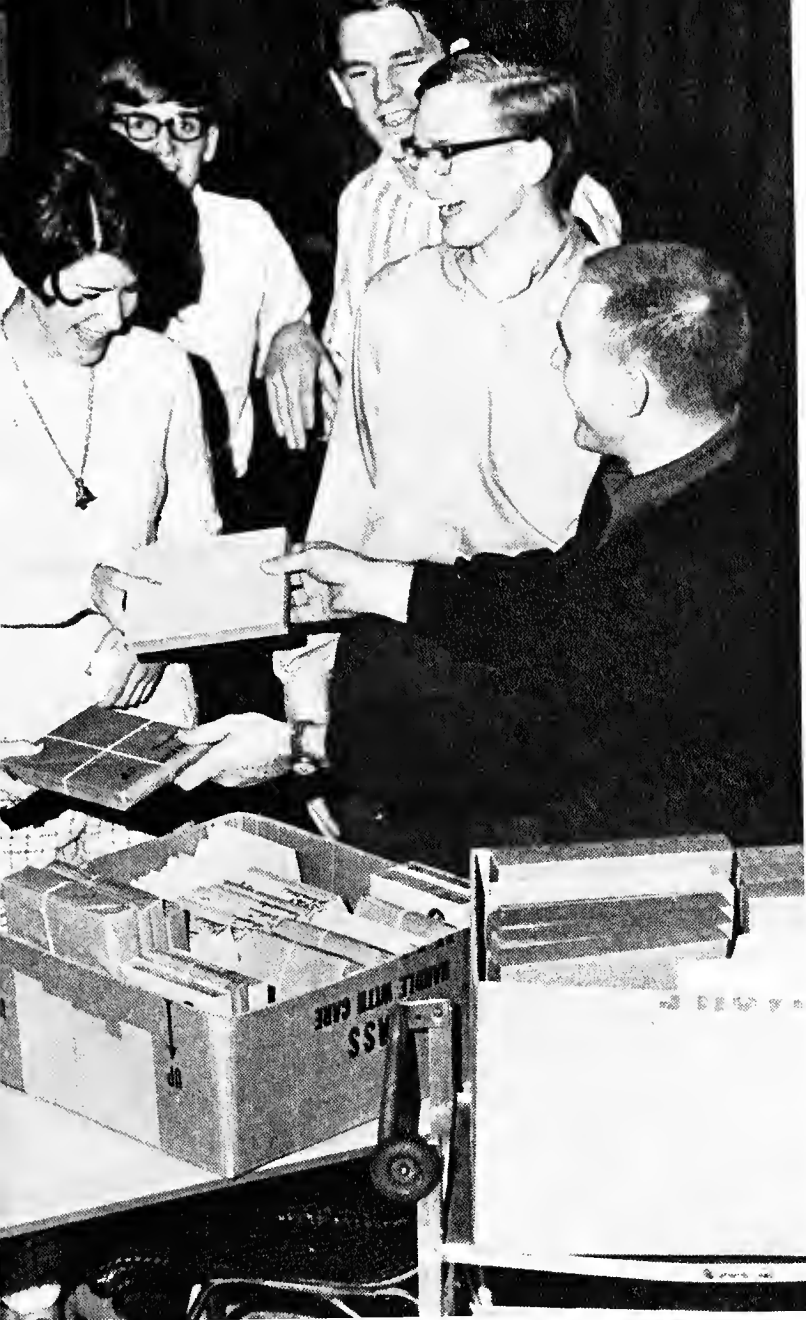


Ronda Whiteman



Linda Wilgenhof





Senior night is a time for realizing that the last year of high school has arrived, a time for getting and exchanging pictures.



Dean Wilkening



Christine Williams



Mike Williams



Chuck Windschell



Brenda Woodhams



Carol Woodhams



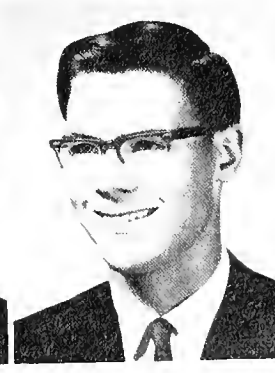
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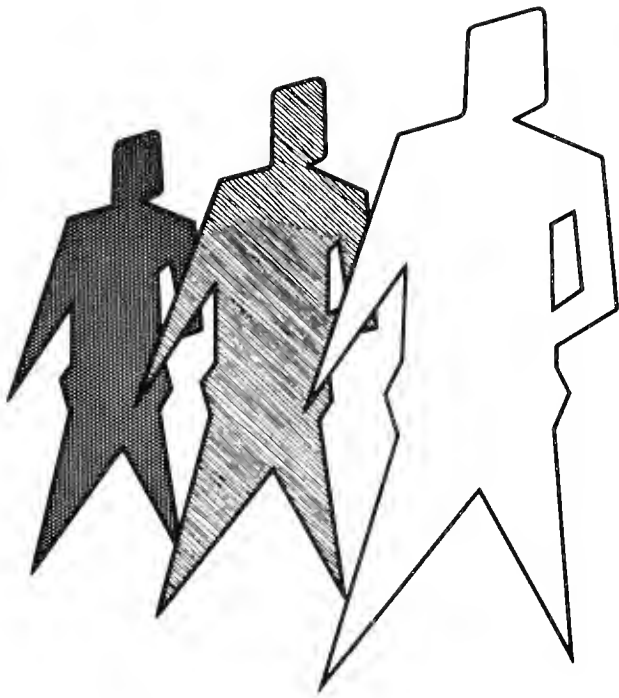
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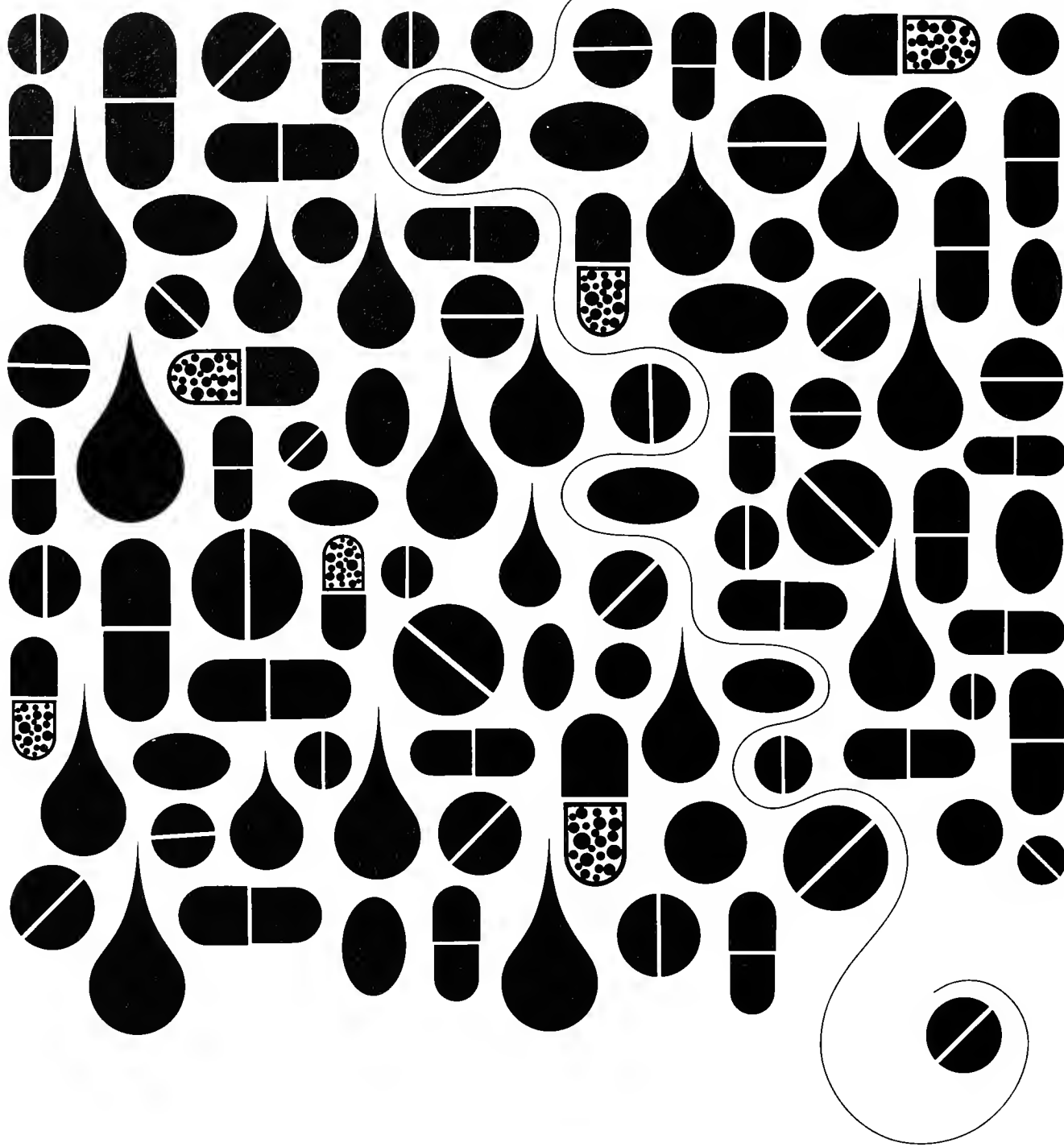


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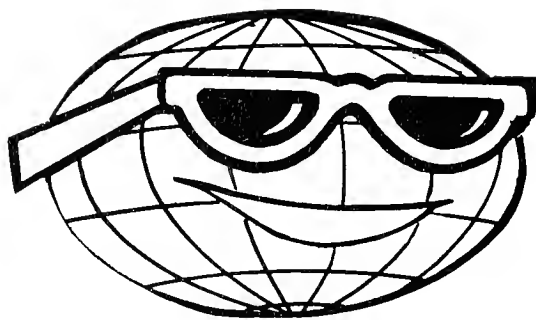


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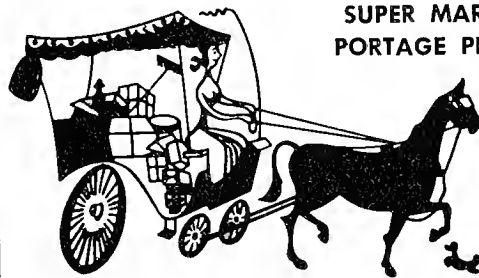
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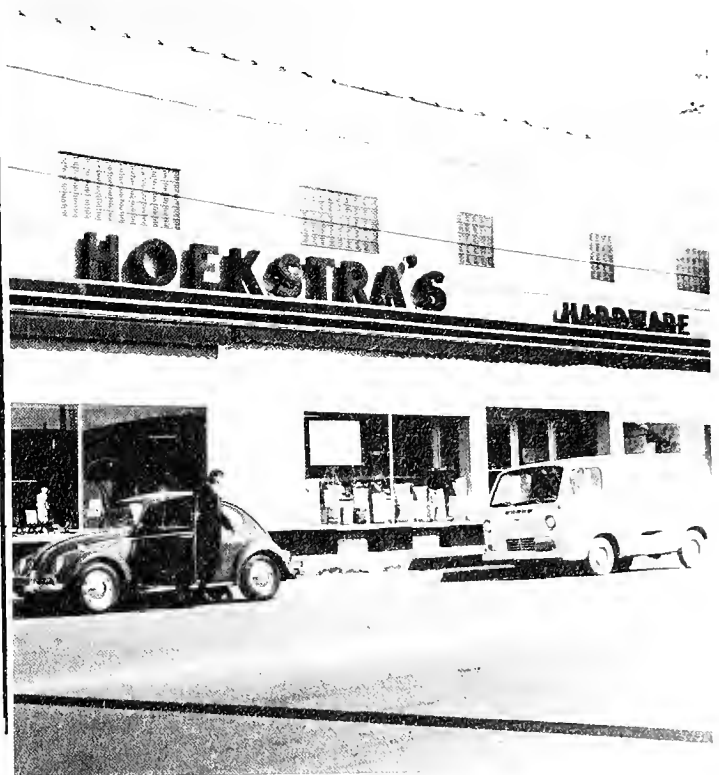
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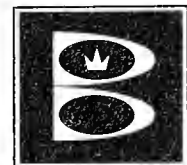
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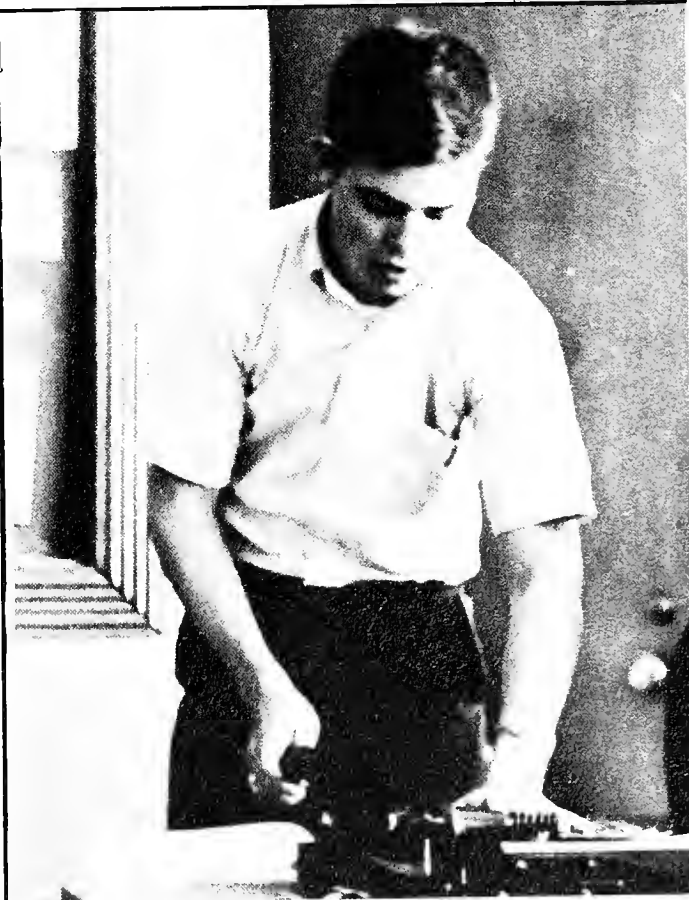
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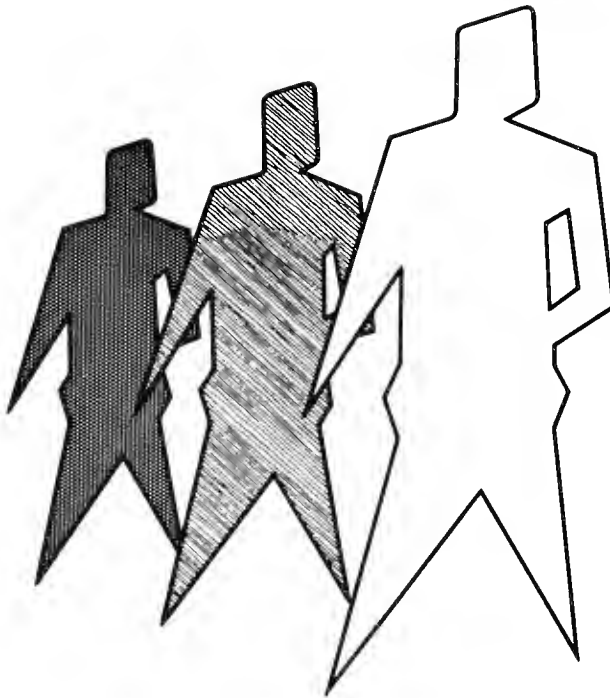
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